

Conchological Society of Great Britain & Ireland

Report of the Council 2025

Council Positions

Dr B Rowson began his second year as President of the Society. The following Society Officers were elected: Hon. General Secretary Miss R E Hill, Hon. Treasurer Mr A Wright, Hon. Membership Secretary Dr V J Burton, Hon. Editor (*Journal*) Mr R G Forsyth, Hon. Editor (*Mollusc World*) Mr P Topley, Hon. Marine Recorder Mr S. Taylor, Hon. Non-Marine Recorder Dr B Rowson, Hon. Conservation Officer Mrs M Cousins, Hon. Programme Secretary Dr M Law and Hon. Webmaster Ms N Hundt. New Ordinary members of Council were: Prof RAD Cameron, Dr ICN Cavadino, Dr T Crawford and Mr B Goodwin. Dr A Holmes and Mr C Walton began their second year and Mr CR du Feu began his third year.

Publications

Two online issues of the *Journal of Conchology* (Volume 45: 3-4) and three issues of *Mollusc World* (Numbers 67-69, March, July and November) were published. A *Journal of Conchology* social media account has been set up on BlueSky so that members can be alerted when new papers are published. The Society's website www.conchsoc.org has had the shop pages updated and updating of the general navigation is in progress. The Webmaster welcomes new contributions and updates. The Society has an X / Twitter account and there is now also a LinkedIn account. Some Society talks on zoom may now be viewed on YouTube where the consent of the speaker is provided.

Other Council Matters

Three Council meetings were held in February, November and December at the Angela Marmont Centre with attendance also available using virtual technology. A fourth Council meeting in July was available on virtual technology only. The Society Research Grants have now changed their emphasis to become Society Project Grants with updated rules and application forms which may now be downloaded from the website. More applications for small project grants from members would be welcomed. Council initiated and held a very successful Regional Meeting in Dugarvan, Ireland and thanks members in the island of Ireland for their support at this and the Marine / Non-Marine Field Meetings. Preparations for the 150th Anniversary Meeting at Leeds City Museum on 7 and 8 November 2026 were discussed.

The deaths of 3 members were announced at meetings in 2025.

I would like to thank all members of Council and Society volunteers for their contributions without which the Society could not achieve its aims.

Rosemary Hill, 7 February 2026

Health and Safety Report, Field Season 2025

Three Conchological Society field meetings were held in 2025. Risks were assessed for the meetings by the organisers, briefings were held at the beginnings of the meetings, and there are no incidents to report.

Rosemary Hill, February 2026