

## PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT for 2025

The 2025 programme consisted of **6 indoor meetings** (5 ordinary including an online-only member as well as all-day Regional Meeting) and **4 field meetings** (3 single day, and one 6-day event).

### Ordinary Meetings

**Saturday 15 February 2025, 14:00: INDOOR MEETING with exhibits and lecture.** Speaker: Professor Elizabeth Harper (University of Cambridge), *'Making and keeping a shell'*

**Saturday 12 April 2025, 14:00: INDOOR MEETING with AGM, exhibits and lecture.** Speaker: Andreia Salvador (Natural History Museum), *'Interesting Shells'*.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025: ONLINE-ONLY meeting with exhibits and lecture**

Speaker: Chong Chen (Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology), *'How did molluscs from deep-sea hot vents and cold seeps evolve to "feed on the Earth"'*.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025, REGIONAL MEETING: Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, Republic of Ireland.** Organiser Ben Rowson. The meeting was held in Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarven, and consisted of a series of short talks:

1. Andrew Wright (Co. Meath), *'The mysteries of the Pyramidellidae and friends'*
2. Amy Geraghty (National Museum of Ireland, Dublin), *'Highlights of the NMI mollusc collection'*
3. Dave Wall (National Biodiversity Data Centre, Waterford), *'Explore Your Shore! and molluscs around the Irish coast'*
4. Dan Minchin (Marine Organisms Investigations, Killaloe), *'Non-native bivalves in the Shannon'*
5. Declan Quigley, *'Western Atlantic hitch-hiker mollusc strandings on Irish maritime shores'*
6. Louise Firth (University College Cork), *'Reevaluating Limpets: Uncovering their overlooked role as ecosystem engineers & service providers'*

**Saturday 15th November 2025**

**INDOOR MEETING with exhibits and lecture**

Speaker: Professor Robert Cameron, *'Why are there so many kinds of snail?'*

**Saturday 6th December 2025**

**INDOOR MEETING with exhibits and lecture**

Speaker: Dr Dai Herbert, *'South African land snails: the legacy of drifting continents'*

## Field Meetings

**Saturday 15 March 2025. FIELD MEETING (non-marine):** Hampstead Heath, London

Joint meeting with the London Natural History Society Leader: Noel Brock

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025. FIELD MEETING (non-marine):** Mascall's Wood, Cheddar, Somerset.

Leader: Matt Law. (For meeting report see *Mollusc World* 68: 26-27)

**Saturday 13 September 2025. FIELD MEETING (non-marine):** Wyre Forest, Worcestershire

*Joint meeting with the Wyre Forest Study Group (WFSG).*

Leader: Rosemary Hill

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025, FIELD MEETING (marine) in Dungarvan and nearby coast, Co. Waterford, Republic of Ireland.**

Leaders: Simon Taylor and Andrew Wright

Matt Law, Hon. Programme Secretary

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