

Conchological Society of Great Britain & Ireland

Report of the Council 2023

Council Positions

Dr TM Walker began his third year as President of the Society. The following Society Officers were elected: Hon. General Secretary Miss R E Hill, Hon. Treasurer Dr B Goodwin, Hon. Membership Secretary Ms P Robbins, Hon. Editor (*Journal*) Ms AM Holmes, 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 MJ Willing and Hon. Webmaster Mr PD Barfield. New Ordinary members of Council were Mr CR du Feu and Dr. M Law. Prof RAD Cameron, Ms ICN Cavadino began their second year. Mr IJ Killeen Dr KNA Alexander, Mr R Carr and Dr E Moorkens began their third year. Mr IJ Killeen and Dr E Moorkens resigned during the year.

Publications

Two issues of the *Journal of Conchology* (Volume 44: 5-6) and three issues of *Mollusc World* (Numbers 61-63, March, July and November) were published. The Society's website www.conchsoc.org continues to be updated and an issue with PayPal was fixed. The Webmaster welcomes contributions and updates. The Society now has a Twitter account and more tweets would be welcomed.

Other Council Matters

Three Council meetings were held at the Angela Marmont Centre and were also available using virtual technology. Continuing thanks are due to Imogen Cavadino who runs Zoom connections for both the Council and Ordinary meetings. Council continued to discuss finances in the context of increasing costs of printing and postage. It was suggested that the subscription should be increased but the savings in costs from the *Journal of Conchology* going online needed to be realised before a decision is made. The last printed Journal has now been distributed and future issues of the Journal will be online and open access. *Mollusc World* will continue to be printed and distributed by post. The back issues of the Journal are now almost all online with older issues available via the Biodiversity Heritage website; more recent issues will be available via the Society's website. Two applications for research grants were received in 2023 but no grants were awarded; the Society hopes that more Society members will apply. Finance Committee and the Online Journal Development Group were disbanded. Other matters discussed include Society indoor and field meetings, the Charity Commission and Society Trustees, support for the first South Asian Malacology Conference, and monitoring of terrestrial molluscs. The Society Rules have been updated to reflect current practice and improvements made to the wording in some places. These rules will be presented at the 2024 AGM.

The deaths of the following members were announced at Indoor Meetings: Dietrich Kadolsky, member since 1985, Barry Colville, member since 1952 and a Life Member and Past President and Judith Nelson, member since 1974.

I would like to thank all members of Council and Society volunteers for their contributions without which the Society could not achieve its aims. Currently the Society is seeking a new Treasurer. All the routine accounting work is done by Gill Earle so this is no longer an onerous job requiring specialist knowledge. If anyone would like more information, please contact the President or any of the Society Officers.

Rosemary Hill, February 2024

Health and Safety Report, Field Season 2023

Eight Conchological Society field meetings were held in 2023. 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 2024