

Conchological Society of Great Britain & Ireland

Report of the Council 2018

Council Positions

Dr MJ Willing began his first year as President of the Society. The following Society Officers were elected: Hon. General Secretary Miss R E Hill, Hon. Treasurer Mr N Light, Hon. Membership Secretary Ms B M Eastabrook, 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 Dr M J Willing, Hon. Programme Secretary Dr S Payne and Hon. Webmaster Ms P Lightfoot. New Ordinary members of Council were: Mr R Carr, Dr C Gleed-Owen and Dr T M Walker. Mrs M Cousins, Ms P Lightfoot, Mrs H Shaw and Mr T J Tamblyn began their second year. Mr J D Ablett, Dr K N A Alexander and Dr B Goodwin began their third year.

Publications

Two issues of the *Journal of Conchology* (Volume 43: 1-2) CHECK and three issues of *Mollusc World* (Numbers 46-48, March, July and November) were published. The Society's website www.conchsoc.org continues to provide information on the Society's news, activities, and details of field and indoor meetings. Interesting photos are posted on the front page and contributions continue to be welcomed by the Webmaster.

Other Council Matters

Four Council meetings were held. Amongst the matters considered by Council were: digital publication of the *Journal of Conchology*; upgrading the website; Society support for a new freshwater gastropod guide; reprints of Society publications; Society finances and Non-marine record processing.

Six applications for research grants were received in 2018 and three grants were awarded: (1) Peter Barfield to work on *Arcuatula senhousia* (Benson, 1842), the Asian date mussel in the Solent, UK: phylogeographic analyses based on CO1 gene sequences; (2) Matt Law to work on metrical variation between populations of *Discus rotundatus* as a palaeoecological proxy; (3) John Hutchinson to work on using microsatellites to quantify hybridisation during a slug invasion.

The deaths of the following members were announced at Indoor Meetings:

Frank Berry, former member

Ed Bishop, member since 1951

David Long, member since 1967 and Past President

I would like to thank all members of Council and Society volunteers for their contributions without which the Society could not achieve its aims. If anyone would like to help in the running of the Society, please contact the President or any of the Society Officers. In particular the Society would welcome anyone willing to take on all or part of the role of Treasurer with the support of the current Treasurer, Nick Light, who wishes to step down.

Rosemary Hill

Hon General Secretary

March 2019

Health and Safety Report, Field Season 2018

There were eleven Conchological Society field meetings in 2018. Risks were assessed for each meeting by the organiser(s), briefings were held at the start of each meeting, and there are no incidents to report.

Martin J Willing