# **Conchological Society of Great Britain & Ireland**

### Report of the Council 2021

#### **Council Positions**

Dr TM Walker began his first 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 Vacant, currently Meetings Group and Hon. Webmaster Mr PD Barfield. New Ordinary members of Council were Dr KNA Alexander, Mr R Carr, Dr E Moorkens and Mr H Powell. Dr PJ Cosgrove and Dr RC Honnor began their second year and Prof RAD Cameron, Ms ICN Cavadino, Mr IJ Killeen began their third year.

## **Publications**

Two issues of the *Journal of Conchology* (Volume 44: 1-2) and three issues of *Mollusc World* (Numbers 55-57, March, July and November) were published. The Society's website <u>www.conchsoc.org</u> has been updated and improved and a new initiative is a link to Society virtual meeting talks on YouTube. Please send any contributions to the Webmaster. The Society now has a Twitter account.

#### Other Council Matters

Six Council meetings were held, all of which were virtual because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Amongst the matters considered by Council were changes to the Society Officers, especially the Treasurer; progressing the website update; further work by the Online Journal Development Group towards the digital publication of the *Journal of Conchology*; the progress of the new freshwater gastropod book and a mollusc species champion.

Two applications for research grants were received in 2021 and one grant was awarded: Deborah Kent 'Molluscs and Mathematics: The collaboration of Ronald Winckworth and D'Arcy Wentworth'

The deaths of the following members were announced at Indoor Meetings: Dr (George) Tom Watters of Ohio State University who died in 2019 Thora Whitehead of Australia, member since 1965 who died in 2021 David Stansbury of Ohio University member since 1963 who died in 2017 Richard Johnson of Massachusetts who died in 2020.

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. If anyone is interested in assisting with the production of *Mollusc World* please would you contact the current Editor, Peter Topley.

Rosemary Hill, March 2022