

PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT for 2022

The 2022 programme consisted of **5 Ordinary meetings**, an **all-day Regional meeting**, and 11 field meetings (9 single day, and individual 2-day and 6-day events).

Ordinary Meetings

Saturday 19th February 2022; INDOOR MEETING with exhibits and lecture (NHM with Zoom link)

Guest speaker: Rosemary Winnall MBE 'The nature of Wyre – a celebration of an ancient woodland'

Saturday 9th April 2022: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ADDRESS (NHM with Zoom link)

Guest speaker: John Whicher, 'Sowerby's Mineral Conchology. Tales of the unexpected'.

Saturday 23rd July 2022; ZOOM MEETING with online exhibits and lecture

Guest speaker: Dr. Jeremy Biggs (Director, Freshwater Habitats Trust)

'Understanding and protecting freshwater Mollusca: the work of the Freshwater Habitats Trust'

Saturday 15th October 2022; INDOOR MEETING with exhibits and lecture (NHM with Zoom link)

Guest speaker: Dr. Corina Ciocan (Brighton University) 'Fibreglass boats and oysters don't mix! Hazardous contaminants in the aquatic environment GRP (Glass reinforced plastic) accumulation & impact on bivalves'

Saturday 19th November 2022: REGIONAL INDOOR MEETING: World Museum, Liverpool, L3 8EN.

(For meeting report see *Mollusc World* 61: 18 - 19.)

Saturday 10 December 2022: INDOOR MEETING with exhibits and lecture (NHM with Zoom link)

Guest speaker: Dr Matt Law (Bath Spa University) 'Reflections on 50 years of Land Snails in Archaeology.'

Field Meetings

Saturday 28th May 2022: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Calne, Wiltshire.

Leader: Mags Cousins

Surveys in a mixture of habitats: Chalk grassland, scrub and juniper and yew woodland. A joint meeting with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. (For meeting report see *Mollusc World* 61: 28 – 29.)

Saturday 28th May 2022: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Farnham Park, Surrey.

Leader: June Chatfield

Various habitats in a Local Nature Reserve. A joint meeting with various local natural history societies. (For meeting report see *Mollusc World* 60: 23 – 25.)

Saturday 11th June 2022: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Bath area for *Ena montana*

Leader: Keith Alexander

Areas of ancient woodland with records for *Ena montana* where we will be updating the Society's records of this rare species. (For meeting report see *Mollusc World* 60: 3 – 4.)

Saturday 6th August: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Hartslock Nature Reserve, Goring, Oxfordshire.

Leader: Tom Walker

A joint meeting with the Reading and District Natural History Society surveying the molluscs in this reserve. (For meeting report see *Mollusc World* 60: 32 – 33.)

Wednesday 7th September: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Cricklade.

Leader: Mags Cousins

A training meeting, terrestrial and freshwater molluscs of meadows and lakes, joint with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust at Lower Moor farm complex, a group of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust reserves. (For meeting report see *Mollusc World* 61: 28 – 29.)

Saturday 10th to Thursday 15th September 2022: FIELD MEETING (marine) mid-Northumberland coast.

Leader: Rosemary Hill

A meeting examining shores which have been less well recorded in the mid part of the county between Amble and Bamburgh.

Saturday 24th September 2022: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Queenswood Country Park, central Herefordshire.

Leaders: Ben Rowson and Tim Kaye. Non marine molluscan recording on a joint meeting held with the NLHF supported 'Hidden Herefordshire' project.

Saturday 1st October 2022: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): RHS Gardens, Wisley, Surrey.

Leaders: Imogen Cavadino and Hayley Jones.

A meeting to the gardens to survey for native and introduced species with a focus on several established and newly created freshwater habitats as well as gardens, glasshouses and woodland.

October Wednesday 5th October 2022: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Wyre Forest, Worcs.

Leaders: Rosemary Winnall & Rosemary Hill

Joint meeting with Wyre Forest Study Group looking for *Malacolimax tenellus* in Hunthouse Wood, Worcestershire (a WT reserve down some steep wooded dingles with a mixture of ancient woodland and some coal mining sites and also tufa outcrops not previously visited by the Conchological Society).

Saturday 8th October, FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Pewsey, Wiltshire.

Leader: Mags Cousins.

A training and recording meeting focussing on Desmoulin's whorl snail (*Vertigo moulinsiana*) and other molluscs in the fen. (For meeting report see *Mollusc World* 61: 28 – 29.)

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th October 2022: FIELD MEETING (marine): Solent, Hampshire

Leaders: Bas Payne.

A two-day meeting working Solent shores during the October low spring tides, and also investigating lagoon sites for *Cerastoderma glaucum*. (For meeting report see *Mollusc World* **61**: 4 – 10.)

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