

## Conchological Society of Great Britain & Ireland

### *Report of the Council 2022*

#### *Council Positions*

Dr TM Walker began his second 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 Prof RAD Cameron, Ms ICN Cavadino. Mr IJ Killeen Dr KNA Alexander, Mr R Carr, Dr E Moorkens began their second year and Mr H Powell, Dr PJ Cosgrove and Dr RC Honnor began their third year.

#### *Publications*

Two issues of the *Journal of Conchology* (Volume 44: 3-4) and three issues of *Mollusc World* (Numbers 58-60, March, July and November) were published. The Society's website [www.conchsoc.org](http://www.conchsoc.org) continues to be updated and improved. Please send any contributions to the Webmaster. The Society now has a Twitter account and more tweets would be welcomed.

#### *Other Council Matters*

Four Council meetings were held, the first using virtual technology and the remainder were held at the Angela Marmont Centre and were also available using virtual technology. The Society is grateful to Imogen Cavadino for making this possible. Amongst the matters considered by Council were progress on updating the website, Society finances and postage costs. Further work by the Online Journal Development Group resulted in Council agreeing that the *Journal of Conchology* should become online only and open access from the next volume number and that in due course the entire backfile should be made available on the Society website; and how this transition to the online Journal should be achieved. It was agreed that the Society's National Biodiversity Network Licence should be changed from CC-BY-NC to CC-BY.

It was disappointing that no applications for research grants were received in 2022; in particular the Society would welcome more applications from Society members.

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

Rendel Williams, member since 1964, who died in 2021; Wim Maasen, member since 1978; Mike Goodchild, a former member; and Dr Michael Kerney, member since 1953, President 1964-65 and Non-Marine Recorder for 35 years.

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. Peter Topley, Editor of *Mollusc World* would welcome assistance with its production.

Rosemary Hill, February 2023

## **Health and Safety Report, Field Season 2022**

Twelve Conchological Society field meetings were held in 2022. 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 2023