

Joint Scientific Meeting 2025

amphibian and reptile
conservation



Amphibian and Reptile Biology and Conservation

SATURDAY 29th November 2025, 10:00-16:20

*The Lecture Hall, Bournemouth Natural Science Society,
39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 3NS.*

PROGRAMME

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| 1000-1030 | <i>Arrival, registration and coffee</i> |
| 1030-1035 | <i>Welcome and Chair – Prof Richard Griffiths, ARC Trustee</i> |
| 1040-1110 | <i>Genetic ancestry and health of sand lizard populations in the UK – Ben Owens, Bangor University</i> |
| 1110-1140 | <i>Human-snake conflict and coexistence in Goa, India – Shaleen Atree, University of Kent</i> |
| 1140-1220 | <i>Coffee</i> |
| 1225-1255 | <i>Beeps in the dark: on the origins of UK midwife toads – Steve Allain, Anglia Ruskin University</i> |
| 1255-1325 | <i>How is research evidence informing UK herp conservation, and where are the knowledge gaps? – Jim Foster, ARC</i> |
| 1330-1445 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1450-1520 | <i>Assessing the impact of anthropogenic disturbance on herpetofauna species composition in the humid Chaco habitat of Ñeembucú, Paraguay – Melissa Morrisson, Queens University Belfast</i> |
| 1520-1550 | <i>Catalysing conservation for amphibians and reptiles on the EDGE of Existence – Rikki Gumb, Zoological Society of London and EDGE of Existence Programme</i> |
| 1550-1620 | <i>Raffle, coffee and departure</i> |

DONATIONS OF APT RAFFLE PRIZES APPRECIATED!

EXHIBITORS / VENDORS WELCOME, BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT ONLY PLEASE

Please see next page for Registration details...

REGISTRATION

Registration, including lunch and refreshments, is now open! **The costs for 2025 are:**

- £35 to ARC members, BHS, HSI, ARG and BNSS members, students, unemployed and retired
- £70 to all others
- Payment is non-refundable after Friday 7th November
- Registration closes Friday 14th November.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is online. Please visit <http://www.arc-trust.org/Events/scientific-meeting-2025> – making sure you have the names and e-mails of all those you are registering, as well as credit or debit card details for payment.

SOCIAL EVENING

There will be a chance for a meal (e.g. curry) and drinks on the evening of FRIDAY 28th November at a local restaurant at additional cost. We won't, however, be taking payment for meals online. Details of arrangements for the meal, including venue and payment arrangements, will be sent to registered attendees only in early November.

Please indicate your interest in attending the Friday evening meal when registering! Meal/curry seats are limited usually to about 30 people.

Early booking for the meeting is advised as spaces are limited.

To have a stand or display contact John Wilkinson, e-mail john.wilkinson@arc-trust.org

We look forward to seeing old and new faces at what promises to be an interesting and enjoyable meeting!

THE VENUE AND NEARBY B&Bs

The Bournemouth Natural Science Society venue (www.bnss.org.uk) is on a major bus route, and most places are within 20 minutes' walk anyway. There is limited parking at the venue and free parking on some neighbouring streets.

B&Bs and hotels within 5-15 minutes' walk from the BNSS venue e.g.

- Travelodge, 43 Christchurch Road, from £55 per room <http://www.travelodge.co.uk/>
- The Carrington House Hotel, 31 Knyveton Road, 0871 474 2755, from around £55 <http://www.britanniahotels.com/hotels/bournemouth-carrington-house/>

If you want to consider a wider selection of accommodation across the whole of Bournemouth, please see Bournemouth Tourism at <http://www.bournemouth.co.uk/> or phone 01202 – 451734.

ARC & BHS websites: ARC: www.arc-trust.org The BHS: www.thebhs.org