

## 2021 Annual General Meeting Wednesday 28th April – 7.30pm

Online meeting via Zoom

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM
3. Chairman's Report
4. Presentation of Accounts
5. Elections to Committee
6. Harvest Mouse Project
7. Any Other Business

### **Followed by a talk by Dr Robyn Grant “The walrus’s whiskers and the mouse’s moustache: why do animals have whiskers?”**

One of the most striking features on the faces of many mammals are the presence of their long whiskers, or vibrissae. Primarily, these are used for touch sensing, and can be employed to guide behaviours such as foraging, navigation, and social interactions. Most mammals have whiskers at some stage of their life, and these have a common muscle architecture. While similarities in whisker position and muscle architecture suggest a common mammalian ancestor with whiskers, variations in morphology and anatomy reveal that whiskers are also adapted to function in many species. This presentation will describe similarities and differences in mammalian whisker morphology and behaviour. We find that whiskers are especially prominent in nocturnal, arboreal and aquatic mammals, that also tend to move their whiskers. Understanding more about differences in whisker form and function will provide important insights into mammalian sensory biology.

Dr Robyn Grant is a Senior Lecturer in Comparative Physiology and Behaviour at Manchester Metropolitan University. She is a sensory biologist, studying the sense of touch in mammals and birds. She works closely with museums and zoos to better understand the functional significance of facial sensors.

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<http://devonmammalgroup.org/events.html>



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## Devon Mammal Group accounts 2020 – 2021

Opening balance 1st April 2020 £5,903.21



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Accounts 2019/20	Income	Expenditure
Membership	£1,250.00	£13.53
Sales stock (selling)	£0.00	
Sales stock (buying)		£0.00
Events	£493.86	£345.66
Trips	£0.00	£0.00
Harvest Mouse Project	£3,085.00	£3,175.73
Website (hosting & domain name)	£2.95	£42.70
Printing Newsletter		£0.00
Printing leaflets/recording forms		£0.00
Donations	£62.50	£0.00
Interest/Bank charges/Admin		£12.38
Equipment	£50.00	£250.29
Insurance		£119.60
Gift Aid Credit	£242.32	
Mammal Society Membership		£43.00
Small Grants Scheme		£955.92
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£5,186.63</b>	<b>£4,958.81</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>£6,131.03</b>

## Devon Mammal Group Harvest Mouse Project accounts 2020 – 2021

Opening balance 1st April 2020 £788.00

Accounts 2020/21	Income	Expenditure
Donations	£3,030.00	
Card Sales (Jess's & Xmas)	£0.00	
Project Officer Time		£2,412.00
Project Officer Travel		£219.60
Insurance		£138.38
Talks/Events	£50.00	£0.00
Training Days		£0.00
Equipment		£405.75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£3,080.00</b>	<b>£3,175.73</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>£692.27</b>

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