



# Wyre Forest Study Group

CONCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN VISIT TO WYRE FOREST – 26, 27 JUNE 2004

Harry Green

Only four people were able to attend this meeting. Nevertheless we visited some interesting sites. It is quite hard to find slugs and snails in Wyre, the latter dependent on the infrequent areas of more calcareous rocks or soils, and the former are scarce in dry conditions. However it certainly rained on day one and a useful range of species were found. *Leiostyla anglica* was probably the most interesting find. This is a fairly small snail between 3-4 mm in height which has a mainly western oceanic distribution in Britain and Ireland. In central and

southern England it is scarce and regarded as an indicator of ancient woodland which has never been cleared. It likes boggy hollows and moist ground litter (Kerney 1999). The specimens found in Wyre were in a very damp area amongst plant litter and stones.

The Conchological Society is planning to visit Bredon Hill 1 and 2 October 2005. It's a bit far from Wyre Forest but if you are interested in attending please contact Harry Green. It's a great chance to learn from helpful experts. It will be a fairly rugged walk up the Hill.

Site name	Date	Grid Reference and Recorder
		Rosemary Hill, Ron Boyce, Harry Green, Rosemary Winnall
<b>PARK BROOK</b>	<b>26/06/2004</b>	<b>SO753762</b>
<i>Aegopinella nitidula</i>		
<i>Aegopinella pura</i>		
<i>Ancylus fluviatilis</i>		
<i>Arianta arbustorum</i>		
<i>Arion ater</i> agg		
<i>Arion intermedius</i>		
<i>Arion intermedius</i>		
<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>		
<i>Discus rotundatus</i>		
<i>Euconulus alderi</i>		
<i>Lehmannia (Limax) marginata</i>		
<i>Leiostyla anglica</i>		<b>SO755765</b>
Ancient woodland that has never been felled indicator		
<i>Limax marginata</i>		
<i>Oxychilus cellarius</i>		
<i>Trichia hispida</i>		
<i>Vitrea crystallina</i>		
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<b>HANGING BOG, PARK BROOK</b>	<b>26/06/2004</b>	<b>SO753763</b>
<i>Arianta arbustorum</i>		
<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>		
<i>Discus rotundatus</i>		
<i>Leiostyla anglica</i>		
<i>Oxychilus alliarius</i>		
<i>Psidium</i> sp.		
<i>Vitrea crystallina</i>		

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<b>GREAT BOG OF WYRE</b>	<b>26/06/2004</b>	<b>SO747763</b>
<i>Ancylis fluviatilis</i>		
<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>		
<i>Cochlicopa lubrica</i>		
<i>Discus rotundatus</i>		
<i>Euconulus fulvus seg</i>		
<i>Lymnaea truncatula</i>		R Hill
<i>Psidium casertanum</i>		R Hill
<b>EXPERIMENTAL POOL</b>	<b>26/06/2004</b>	<b>SO755766</b>
<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>		
<i>Cepea hortensis</i>		R Hill
<i>Potamopyrgus antipodarum</i>		in stream
<i>Succinia putris</i>		R Hill
<i>Trichia hispida</i>		
<i>Zonitoides nitidus</i>		
<b>SECKLEY RAVINE</b>	<b>27/06/2004</b>	<b>SO756786</b>
<i>Aegopinella nitidula</i>		
<i>Aegopinella pura</i>		
<i>Aegopinella pura</i>		
<i>Arianta arbustorum</i>		
<i>Arion ater agg</i>		
<i>Arion distinctus</i>		
<i>Arion hortensis agg. Juv.</i>		
<i>Arion hortensis seg</i>		
<i>Arion intermedius</i>		
<i>Arion subfuscus</i>		
<i>Arion sylvaticus</i>		
<i>Cepaea nemorlais</i>		
<i>Cochlicopa lubrica</i>		
<i>Cochlodina laminata</i>		
<i>Deroceras reticulatum</i>		
<i>Discus rotundatus</i>		
<i>Euconulus alderi</i> (dead)		
<i>Euconulus fulvus seg</i>		
<i>Lechmannia (Limax) marginata</i>		
<i>Limax maximus</i>		
<i>Oxychilus alliarus</i>		
<i>Oxychilus cellarius</i>		
<i>Oxychilus helveticus</i>		
<i>Perforatella subrufescens</i>		
<i>Vitrea crystallina</i>		

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<b>SECKLEY RAVINE LEAF LITTER</b>		
<i>Acanthinula aculeata</i>		R Hill, R Boyce
<i>Acicula fusca</i>		R Hill, R Boyce
<i>Aegopinella nitidula</i>		R Hill, R Boyce
<i>Euconulus fulvus seg</i>		R Hill, R Boyce
<i>Vertigo antvertigo</i>		R Hill, R Boyce
<b>LODGEHILL MEADOWS</b>	<b>27/06/2004</b>	<b>SO758766</b>
<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>		
<i>Cochlicopa lubrica</i>		
<i>Deroceras reticulatum</i>		
<i>Discus rotundatus</i>		
<i>Vitrea crystallina</i>		



Snailing in the rain, Great Bog of Wyre      Rosemary Winnall  
Harry Green, Rosemary Hill and Ron Boyce



Snailing in Lodgehill Meadow      Rosemary Winnall  
Ron Boyce, Rosemary Hill kneeling, Harry Green standing



*Leiostyla anglica* after Kerney 1999  
Actual size 3 –3.7 mm by about 2 mm

## Reference

KERNEY M 1999 *Atlas of land & freshwater molluscs of Britain and Ireland*. Harley Books.

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