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## Roger Meek: A new fellow for the British Herpetological Society

Roger Meek, a member of the BHS since 1972, has been elected as a Fellow of the Society. This recognises his substantial contribution to both the Herpetological Bulletin and Herpetological Journal. In 2016, while editor of the Bulletin, the journal ran into a management crisis and Roger stepped in for the year to guide it to calmer waters before handing over responsibility to Rachel Antwis.



He is the only member to have edited both publications simultaneously – a remarkable workload and very significant service to the BHS. He stepped down as Editor of the Bulletin in March 2020. This accolade puts him among eight other notable BHS members (see Herp Bulletin inside cover for a full listing of fellows).

Roger has had a lifelong interest in herpetology and pursued a career of teaching related to his passion for reptiles at the University of Leeds and Huddersfield Technical College (now Kirklees College). He has made herpetological expeditions far and wide and found time to author over eighty scientific publications. But he is still at it, he currently resides in western France where he studies the local herps, using a bicycle (and recently electric assist bicycle) that he uses to count road kill; this gives data from which he can estimate population changes among other things (see Herp Journal 30 (1)). He is also collaborates with herpetological colleagues in Eu-rope, pooling and analysing data. All done from the beauty of the French countryside.