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2025 Officers' Conference – Agenda

The Officers' Conference takes place later this week - on Sunday 26th October, 09:15-11:45 during the Members' Weekend at the Bannatyne Hotel in Darlington. The agenda is as follows:

			Key Timings
1	Opening of Conference by Society Chairman	James Milne	0915
2	Apologies for Absence	Jeremy Segrott	0920
3	Confirmation of OC 2024 Minutes (circulated with Officers' Newsletter – #236 December 2024)	Jeremy Segrott	0920
4	Remembrance & Reflection John Day	James Milne	
5	DISCUSSION FORUM #1 Finance & Investment To include: Bank Charges Society financial returns Future investment proposals by Branches Branch Grants Links between Branches & Heritage Lines Membership Recruitment advertising	Jeremy Segrott Chris Basford James Milne	0940
8	BREAK (15 minutes)		1025
9	DISCUSSION FORUM #2 To include: Frequency of Regional Meetings Frequency of Officers' Conference Website & Use of Branch pages Branch Officer succession planning Discussion/Social time at Branch meetings	James Milne Jeremy Segrott	1040
10	Future proposals for Members' Weekend and Officers' Conference in 2026 and beyond	James Milne	1125
11	Date and Venue for 2026 Society AGM Saturday 18 th April 2026 Grand Station, Wolverhampton	James Milne	
12	Closing Remarks	James Milne	
	End of Proceedings		1145

As discussed in last month's newsletter, at the Officers' Conference we will invite Branches to share ideas for how we can make the best use of existing branch funds, and the provision of grants from central RCTS monies. How can we support the future development of Branches, and the hardworking committees who run them? What might be done to attract new members through an enhanced public profile? Therefore, **we ask that each Branch considers the following questions in advance of the Officers' Conference, and comes ready to share initial ideas for each:**

- Identify two things which you would like to do to develop the work of your Branch - e.g. secure high-quality speakers, publicise meetings via new channels, or improve the experience in any other way?
- What would be the cost of these two things? Do you have Branch level funds? Or would part/full support from central RCTS funds make a difference?
- What difference would the proposed investment make? How will you know?
- How can the Society support you in taking these plans forward? How can Branches share lessons learned (what works, etc) with other Branches and society officers?

It is appreciated that, for a range of reasons, not all branches will be able to be represented at the Officers' Conference. If this applies to your Branch, you can share your ideas via email to liaison@rcts.org.uk and they will be included in the final summary of points made on the day.

We look forward to meeting with you in Darlington this weekend. Please feel free to contact me via via liaison@rcts.org.uk if you have any queries regarding the Officers' Conference (and indeed, any other issue!).

And finally ...

A reminder that the Officers' Handbook – available on the RCTS website ([members' area](#)) provides a comprehensive source of guidance on the running of Branches and training for committee roles.