Royal Entomological Society
Special Interest Group
Orthoptera

Orthoptera SIG 2026

Wednesday 4th November, Neil Chalmers Room, The Natural History Museum, London

12.00	Registration
12.50	**Welcome and introduction** Richard Harrington, RES Trustee & Events Committee Chair
1.00	**Red pigmentation in gregarious locusts** Leah Bancroft, University of Hull
1.20	**Welfare in cultured *Gryllus bimaculatus*** Ross Hickles, Zoological Society of London
1.40	**Praying Mantids in the United Kingdom** Jake Dudderidge, African Natural History Research Trust
2.00	**The African Genera of Acridoidea** Stuart Green, Citizen Zoo
2.20	Break
2.40	**New data on the bioacoustics of the elusive lichen-mimic katydid *Markia hystrix*** Charlie Woodrow, University of Lincoln
3.00	**Passive acoustic amplification improves neural detection of bat ultrasound in katydids** Jack Waterfield, University of Lincoln
3.20	**David Robinson: Orthopterist and Entomologist** Marion Hall, Open University
3.40	**European tetrigids** John Paul, Institute of Unnecessary Research
4.00	Break
4.20	**Cold cases in taxonomy: in search of the identity of *Gryllus laurifolius* Linnaeus, 1758 and *Gryllus incarnatus* Stoll, 1813** Luc Willemse, Naturalis, Netherlands
4.40	**A monumental year for Orthoptera recording** Peter Sutton, Biological Records Centre
5.00	**Current Orthoptera conservation projects at Buglife** Karim Vahed, Buglife
5.20	**Closing remarks** Darron Cullen, University of Hull
5.30	Finish. *Buffet and drinks will be served upstairs after the event (delegates must register in advance).*
Poster:	**The African Genera of Acridoidea.** Stuart Green, Citizen Zoo