

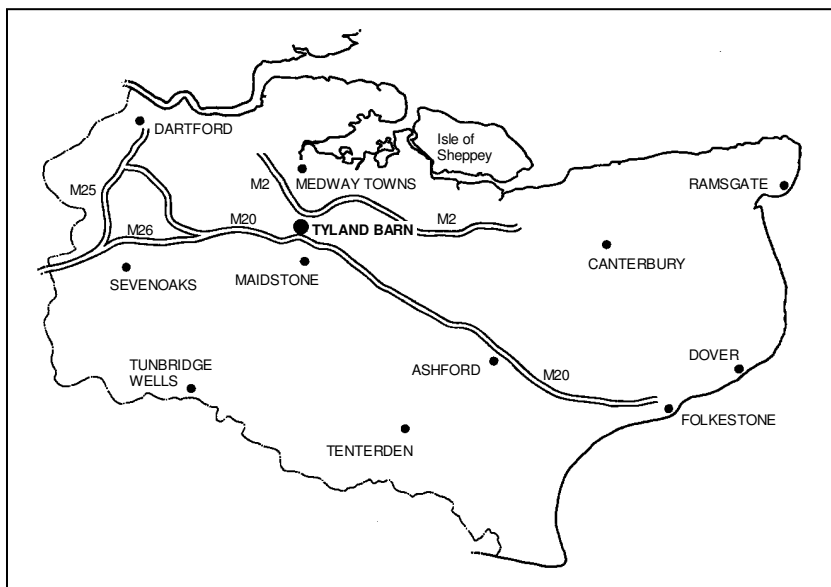
Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

No.	4	Title	Churchyard Lichens: 20 common species	Date	Wednesday 24th March
No. of students	10	Start time	10am	Finish time	4pm
Leader	Joyce Pitt – one of the county's recorders for lichens, who has long experience of teaching adult education classes and leading field studies in this subject.				
Who should attend	This course is for beginners who have an interest in lichens and who wish to learn about the ecology and identification of very common lichens .				
Meeting place	Tyland Barn, the Headquarters and Visitor Centre of the Kent Wildlife Trust. See directions overleaf.				
Other sites to be visited	Boxley Church				
Programme	<p>We shall spend the morning in the classroom with a tutorial covering the nature, structure, ecology and habitats for a range of very common lichens that can be found in churchyards in Kent.</p> <p>We will then identify some lichens in the churchyard of Boxley Church.</p>				
Subjects to be covered	<p>This course will briefly outline the nature, structure, ecology and habitats for a range of very common lichens that can be found in churchyards in Kent.</p> <p>A few simple chemical tests will be used in identification.</p>				
What to bring	<p>Hand lens 8x or 10x (some will be available for loan on the day)</p> <p>The suggested book for use is Lichens by Frank Dobson. Alternatively, there are guides produced by the Field Studies Council which can be borrowed or purchased at Tyland Barn.</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch or light refreshments or buy these from the café at Tyland Barn.</p> <p>Suitable clothing and footwear for the field work.</p>				
Other information	Toilets are available at Tyland Barn.				

Kent Wildlife Trust HQ and Visitor Centre

Tyland Barn, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3BD Tel: 01622 662012

Tyland Barn is four miles north of Maidstone, on the junction of Chatham Road and Tyland Lane, Sandling, just off the A229 between the M20 and the M2.

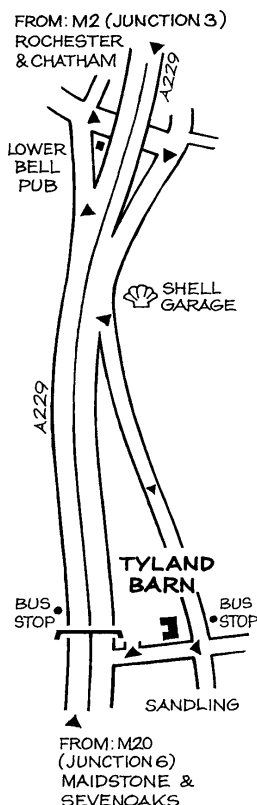


Travel to Tyland Barn by public transport

Nearest railway stations: Maidstone East and Chatham (both a bus ride away, or about a 40 minute walk from Maidstone East).

Arriva Bus 101. From Chatham: stops outside Tyland Barn.

From Maidstone: stops on the A229 (if requested!), opposite the Barn, at Cobtree Golfcourse (take footbridge over A229 and the Tyland Barn entrance is immediately on your left). Further details from Arriva (0871 2002233), www.arriva.co.uk Stagecoach East Kent (08456 002299), www.stagecoachbus.com and Metrobus (01293 449191) www.metrobus.co.uk NB. Not all services are frequent!



Travel to Tyland Barn by car

The Barn is adjacent to the A229 (just north of J6 of the M20), but it is only accessible via Chatham Road off the southbound carriageway of the A229, taking the turning immediately beside the entrance to the Shell garage on the southbound carriageway.

Follow the brown 'badger signs' on the Maidstone to Chatham road (A229), between the M2 (Junction 3) and the M20 (Junction 6).

If you are travelling northwards from Maidstone on the A229 dual carriageway, you have to go past the Barn (with a blue butterfly sign) on your right and go up to the next junction in order to return down the southbound carriageway. So, from the A229 northbound, north of the M20 (J6), take the left turn after the golf course entrance, proceed to the crossroads by the Lower Bell Pub, turn right, pass under the A229, and turn right and back onto the A229 going south. You have to turn off the A229 again almost immediately after joining it, immediately after/beside the Shell garage!