

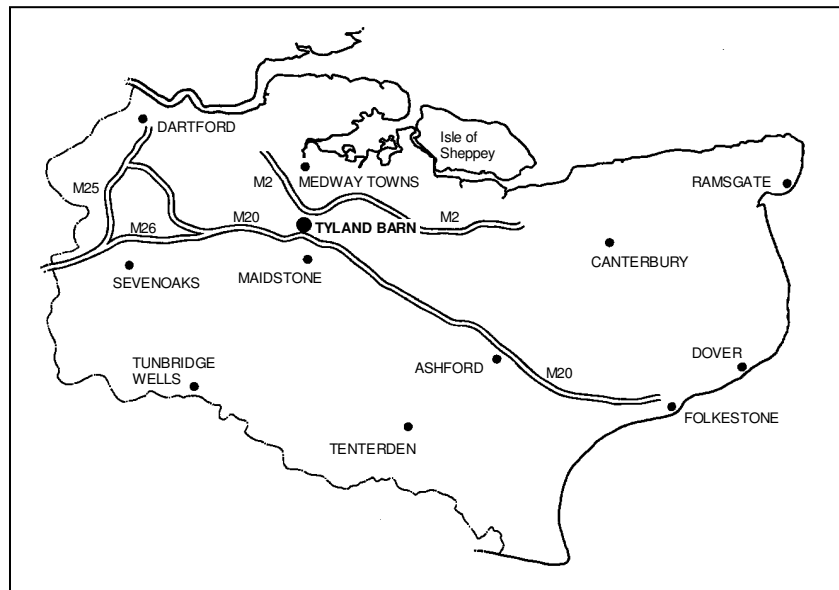
Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

No.	7	Title	Introduction to Farmland Birds	Date	Saturday 17th April 2010
No. Of students	15 max	Start time	10am	Finish time	3.30pm
Leader	Geoff Orton , an experienced birdwatcher and ornithologist, has led bird-watching walks in Kent and leads the KWT Bird-watching for Beginners Study days. He is currently involved surveying for the 2007-11 UK Bird Atlas.				
Who should attend	Anyone with an interest in identifying and monitoring farmland birds, many species of which are in decline. The study day assumes no previous knowledge of birding nor wildlife record keeping.				
Meeting place	Classroom at Tyland Barn, the Headquarters and largest visitor centre of Kent Wildlife Trust. Map Ref. TQ 753594. See directions overleaf.				
Other sites to be visited	All activities will take place in Tyland Barn and surrounding farmland				
Programme	<p>45 mins - Classroom activities learning about farmland birds, their identification, habits and songs.</p> <p>Refreshment break</p> <p>30 mins – getting the best from your binoculars</p> <p>10 mins – use of books to aid identification</p> <p>15 mins – record keeping</p> <p>break for picnic lunch</p> <p>The afternoon will be spent in the farmland around Tyland Barn identifying and recording farmland birds.</p>				
Subjects to be covered	<p>Bird families</p> <p>Farmland biodiversity</p> <p>Describing what you have seen</p> <p>Keeping your records</p> <p>What books, CDs and DVDs would you need</p> <p>How to continue your interest in farmland birds</p>				
What to bring	<p>Picnic lunch</p> <p>Wellingtons or waterproof boots/shoes</p> <p>Binoculars if you have them.</p> <p>Notebook and writing materials</p>				
Other information	Please discuss with the leader if you have special needs; During the afternoon, we expect to walk around 3km along tracks and footpaths.				

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.

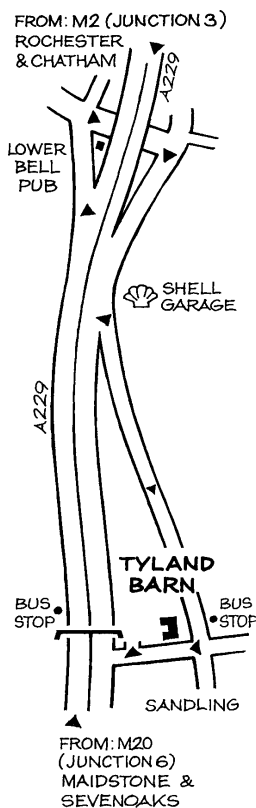


Travel to Tyland Barn by public transport

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!