

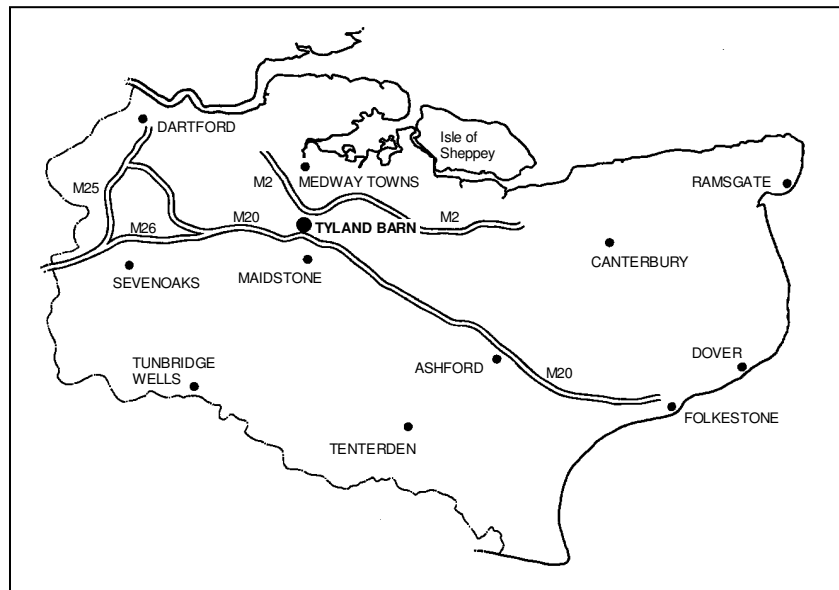
Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

No.	24	Title	Introduction to Terrestrial Insects	Date	Saturday 3rd July 2010
No. of students	15	Start time	10am	Finish time	4pm
Leader	<p>Greg Hitchcock is an entomologist and arachnologist who has been employed by Kent Wildlife Trust as Thames Gateway Officer since June 2008. Before joining the Trust he worked for Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust.</p>				
Who should attend	Beginners				
Meeting place	Tyland Barn Map Ref.TQ753594. See directions overleaf.				
Other sites to be visited	None				
Programme	<p>The morning session will be spent in the classroom covering the topics mentioned below, with a break for tea/coffee. After lunch we will spend time around the wildlife garden at Tyland Barn catching and identifying the insects we find (weather dependent).</p>				
Subjects to be covered	<p>These topics are designed to provide an overview of British terrestrial (not freshwater) insects: What is an insect – their place in the animal world; external morphology & lifecycles; and an overview of the British groups of insect (plus a more detailed look at selected groups, including recommended texts and recording schemes)</p>				
What to bring	<p>Note book & pen/pencil Packed lunch (or pre order from the shop at Tyland Barn) x10 Hand lens – these will also be available to borrow or buy (£4.50) on the day</p>				
Other information	<p>Insects are the most diverse group of animals on the planet, and arguably the most important. Over half of all organisms that have been described by science are insects, and the UK alone has over twenty thousand described species.</p>				

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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.

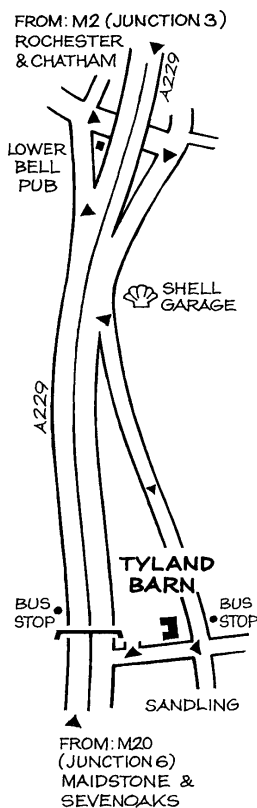


Travel to Tyland Barn by public transport

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!