

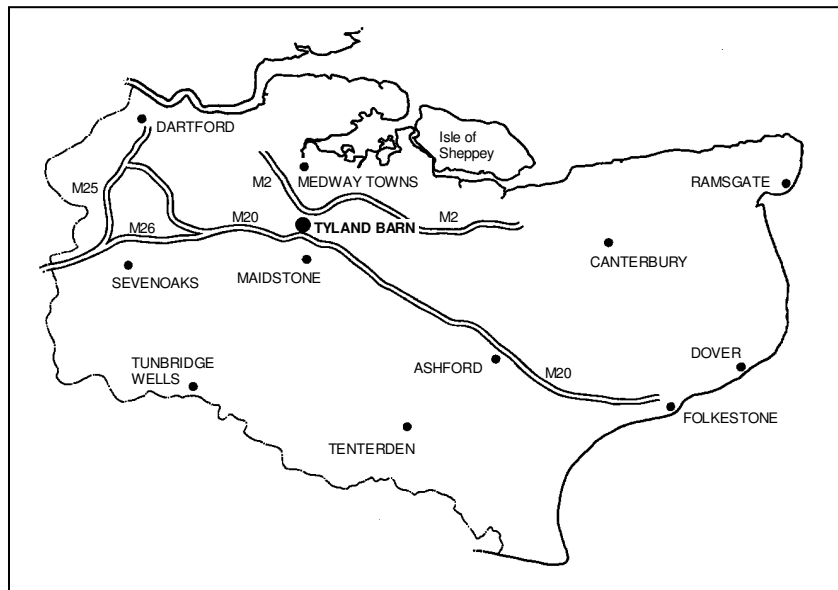
Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

No.	26	Title	Identifying bumblebees	Date	Saturday 24th July 2010
No. of students	5-25	Start time	10.30am	Finish time	4pm
Leader	<p>Geoff Allen, expert on bees, wasps and ants, and recorder for Kent Field Club.</p> <p>Richard Moyse, head of conservation and policy at Kent Wildlife Trust and bumblebee enthusiast.</p>				
Who should attend	This day is suitable for those beginning the study of bumblebees, or with some basic knowledge of the group.				
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	Holborough Marshes Nature Reserve				
Programme	<p>We shall begin in the classroom, with an introduction to bumblebees and their ecology. We will cover the basics of bumblebee identification, and there will be opportunities to view preserved specimens.</p> <p>In the afternoon, we will be finding and identifying bumblebees at the Trust's Holborough Marshes Nature Reserve.</p> <p>The objective will be to give students the basic skills and confidence to start identifying bumblebees on their own, and to improve the field and ID skills of those who have started to study the group. Students should leave the day with a clear idea of how they can carry forward their interest and continue their study of bumblebees and other hymenoptera.</p>				
Subjects to be covered	Bumblebee ecology and identification; the use of field guide and keys.				
What to bring	<p>Outdoor clothing and footwear</p> <p>A packed lunch.</p> <p>A hand-lens if you have one.</p> <p>A bumblebee identification guide if you have one, such as the Field Guide to the Bumblebees of Great Britain and Ireland by Mike Edwards and Martin Jenner, or Bumblebees by Oliver E Prys-Jones and Sarah A Corbet (Naturalists' Handbooks no. 6).</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.

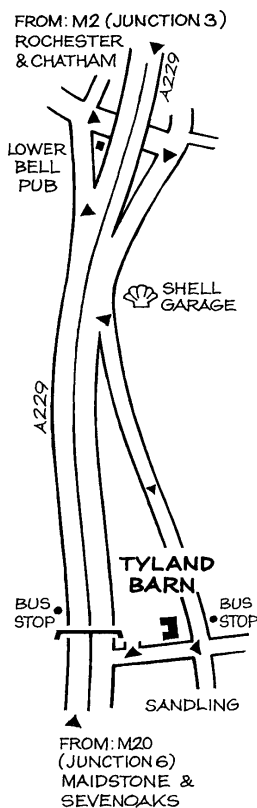


Travel to Tyland Barn by public transport

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!