



The Kent Wildlife Conference 2013

The Difference a Decade Makes: the Records Centre, countywide recording and developments in data use in Kent over the past 10 years. Saturday, 19th October 2013 10:00am – 4:00pm Grimond Lecture Theatre 1 University of Kent, Canterbury Campus

This year, to celebrate 10 years since the inception of the Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre, the conference will be looking back over the past decade. The centre has been extremely fortunate to be able to work alongside a wide range of individuals and organisations both locally and nationally who collectively strive to ensure that the data available for the County is of the highest quality.

Our speakers will be talking about various aspects of biodiversity recording, monitoring, research and other data applications. We will be hearing from those who are on the front line collecting and collating data as well as those who are using that information to advance our understanding of and ability to deal with, everything from climate change to species conservation, habitat restoration to sensitively managed planning and development.

Programme

9:30 – 9.55am Arrival and coffee

9.55 Welcome and Introduction. John Badmin (Kent Field Club)

Session 1

- 10:00 10 Years of KMBRC: Past achievements, present position and future ambitions. *Hannah Cook (Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre).*
- 10:25 The development of a Kent Mammal Atlas. *Hazel Ryan (Kent Mammal Group and Kent Bat Group*).
- 10:50 Moths; a decade of changes, a personal view. *David Gardner* (Butterfly Conservation Kent).

11:15 - 11:35 Coffee and poster session

Session 2

- 11:35 A sea-change in marine protection: how Shore Search and Sea Search records are influencing selection of sites: *Bryony Chapman* (*KWT*)
- 12.00 The Under-Estimated Value of Urban Biodiversity. *Zoe Davies* (*Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology*).
- 12: 25 The use of biodiversity data in the ecological consultancy sector: *Jill Tardivel (Ecology@Tardivel Ltd*).

12:50 – 1:50 Lunch and poster session

Session 3

- 1:50 Hobbies in Kent: *Rob Clements (Kent Ornithological Society)*.
- 2:15 Past and Present Data: do these show changes in the marine algal flora? *Ian Tittley (Natural History Museum)*.

- 2.40 Using recording data to predict species presence in previously unsurveyed areas: Lee Brady (*KRAG*).
- 3.05 Recording and the Records Centre: a personal perspective. *Joyce Pitt (Kent Field Club and County Recorder for Fungi).*

3.30 - 4.00 Discussion, this session will conclude the conference and also provide an opportunity for people to flag up new projects and record requests before the conference close. Refreshments will be available in the foyer after the close of conference for those who wish to have some time to chat and have a catch up.

The Conference will be held in the Grimond Lecture Theatre, University of Kent, Canterbury Campus, Canterbury, CT2 7NZ. Free, ample parking is available all day in the main visitor car park on site and there is a frequent bus service to the university from both Canterbury East and West railway stations.

Maps are downloadable from the University website. http://www.kent.ac.uk/maps/canterbury/02maps.pdf

The cost for the day will be £20.00 per person including all light refreshments and a buffet lunch (vegetarian dishes included). Please enclose a cheque payable to the **Kent Field Club** with the completed reply slip (below) by **Friday 11th October 2013** to: *John Badmin, Kent Field Club, Coppice Place, Perry Wood, Selling, nr Faversham, Kent ME13 9RP*.

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