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The Kent Wildlife Conference was created as a way for field naturalists in the county to meet, learn about and discuss the county's wild plant and animal species and their study.

Now in its fourteenth year, the annual conference has covered specific areas such as Kent's heathlands, and the natural history of the Isle of Sheppey. This year, we return to a general format, covering a wide range of subjects of interest to all those with an enthusiasm for Kent's wildlife and field natural history.

The Conference will be held in the Grimond Lecture Theatre 1 at the University of Kent's 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 Canterbury 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 refreshments and a buffet lunch (vegetarian dishes included). Please enclose a cheque payable to the Kent Field Club with the completed reply slip (below) and return by **Friday 10th October 2014** to: **Hon. Membership Secretary, 2 West End Cottages, the Street, Doddington, Sittingbourne, Kent.**

I/We hereby enclose £ to attend the Kent Wildlife Conference 2014.
(Please make cheques payable to Kent Field Club).

Name(s)

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We do not normally send a booking confirmation. If you require confirmation of your booking, or a receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Programme

9.50 Welcome and introduction. *John Badmin, Kent Field Club.*

10.00 Alien pests and diseases, and biosecurity measures.
Andrew Gaunt, The Food and Environment Research Agency.

10.25 Change in abundance of large brown seaweeds in the British Isles: is this happening in Kent? *Prof. Juliet Brodie, Dr Chris Yesson, Natural History Museum*

10.50 The Kent Breeding Bird Atlas 2008-11 - changes in Kent's avifauna. *Stephen Wood, Kent Ornithological Society.*

11:15 - 11:35 Coffee and poster session

11.35 The Robert Pocock Herbarium Project. *Pauline Heathcote, North West Kent Local Group of Kent Wildlife Trust*

12.00 Kent plants today. *Geoffrey Kitchener, Kent Botanical Recording Group.*

12.25 Spider behaviour. *Greg Hitchcock, British Arachnological Society.*

12:50 – 2.00 Lunch and poster session

2.00 The Kent Heritage Tree Project: involving the community in finding Heritage Trees. *Jadie Baker, The Conservation Volunteers.*

2.25 The national importance of the Chattenden Woods and Lodge Hill SSSI for nightingales. *Phil Williams, Natural England.*

2.50 *Crassula helmsii* in Kent: do the effects on biodiversity justify control? *Tim Smith, Canterbury Christ Church University.*

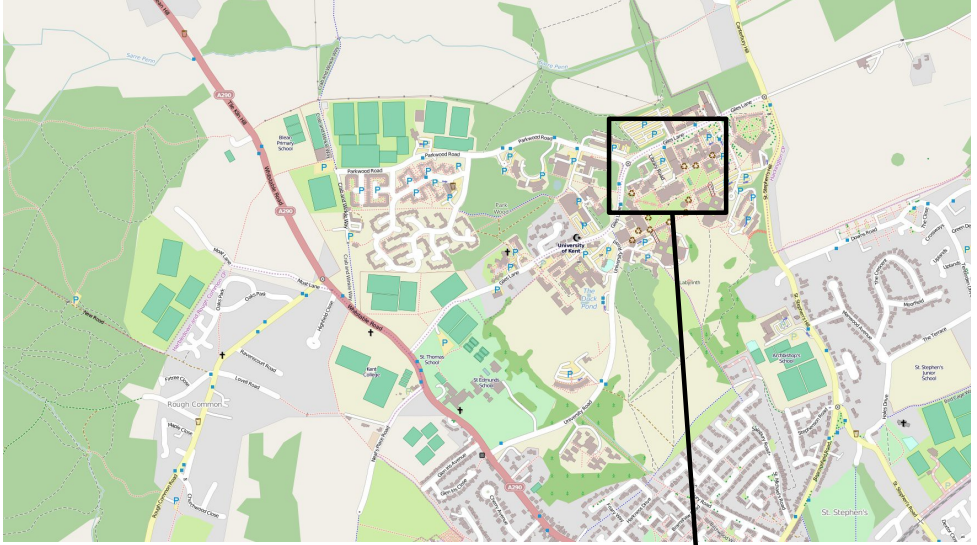
3.15 The use of pheromones as a sampling tool for the ecological study of burnet moths. *Dr Joe Burman, Canterbury Christ Church University.*

3.40 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.

4.00 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.

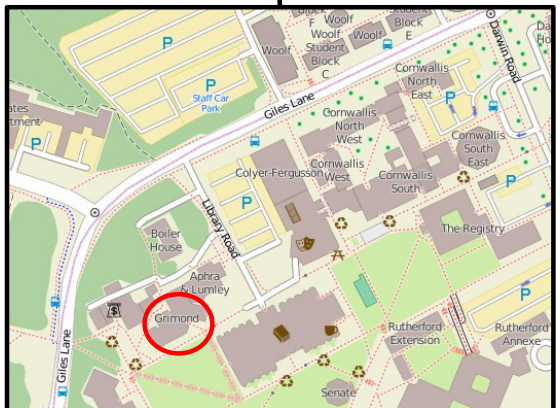
Please note that the programme may be subject to change.

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