

The Kent Wildlife Conference

Saturday 24 October 2015



Noble chafer *Gnorimus nobilis*

Photo: Paul Brock

University of Kent, Canterbury Campus

**Grimond Lecture
Theatre 1**



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The Kent Wildlife Conference, now in its fifteenth year, 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. This year's conference will include nine presentations covering a wide range of subjects which will be of interest to all those with an enthusiasm for Kent's wildlife and field natural history.

You are welcome to bring displays or other information about work relevant to Kent natural history, and we especially welcome posters detailing recent research work.

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. A plan of the campus can be downloaded from <http://www.kent.ac.uk/directions/pdf/canterbury-campus-guide-2013.pdf> (the Grimond Building is J6 on this plan)

The cost for the day will be just **£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 9th October 2015** to: **Hon. Membership Secretary, 2 West End Cottages, the Street, Doddington, Sittingbourne, Kent.**

I/We hereby enclose £ to attend the Kent Wildlife Conference 2015.
(Please make cheques payable to Kent Field Club).

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Programme

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

10.00 Common Waders of The Swale.
Rodney Smith, Kent Ornithological Society.

10.25 Global amphibian declines and conservation: the Kent connection.
Professor Richard Griffiths, DICE, University of Kent.

10.50 Recent studies in plant conservation at Ranscombe Farm Reserve.
Richard Moyse, Plantlife.

11:15 - 11:45 Coffee and poster session

11.45 The use of mycorrhizal fungi to reduce water consumption in horticulture.
Dr Louisa Robinson-Boyer, East Malling Research.

12.10 The PTES Noble Chafer Project in Kent.
Laura Bower, People's Trust for Endangered Species.

12.35 Aphids, the cloning experts.
Professor Roger Blackman, Natural History Museum.

13:00 – 2.30 Lunch and poster session

2.30 Project and record requests.

2.40 Biodiversity offsetting: a useful tool?
Teresa Bennett, Natural Values.

3.05 The making of Samphire Hoe.
Professor Bryn Green, OBE.

3.30 Fifty years of Kent coastal studies – a recollection.
Ian Tittley, Kent Field Club.

3.50 Discussion.

4.15 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.

How to find the Grimond Building



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