

THE KENT WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 21st October 2023

Grimond 2 Lecture Theatre, University of Kent, Canterbury Campus

The theme of this year's conference is **The Role of Biodiversity and Natural History Recording in Rebuilding Biodiversity**. The government recently committed itself to protecting 30% of land and seas for wildlife by 2030, and the development of a new Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Kent is now under way. So it is essential to understand how the huge amount of wildlife data collected by wildlife groups and interested individuals can be used to help set targets for recovery and to monitor success. The conference will include presentations relevant to the subject, and open sessions where these important issues can be discussed by those attending.

You are welcome to bring displays or other information about work relevant to Kent's natural history, and we especially welcome posters detailing recent research work. **To book displays please contact Dr Gary Robinson at the University (g.k.robinson@kent.ac.uk, 01227 823530) at least 7 days before the event.**

The Conference will be held in the Grimond Lecture Theatre 2 at the University of Kent's Canterbury Campus, Canterbury, CT2 7NJ. Free, ample parking is available all day in the nearby main visitor car park.

The cost for the day is **£19 per person (£10 for students)** to include refreshments and a buffet lunch (vegetarian dishes included). You can register and pay via the Kent Field Club website or by bank transfer/cheque, (see details on application form) and return the slip by Saturday 14th October 2023 to the Membership Secretary, Gladden, The Street, Doddington, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0BS.

PROGRAMME

- 9.55 Welcome.** *Simon Springate, Kent Field Club.*
- 10.00 Introduction to the theme, *Richard Moyse, Kent Field Club*
- 10.20 Creating a new generation of wildflower-rich grasslands to drive species recovery. *Dan Tuson, Natural England*
- 10.45 Measuring bumblebee population responses within a landscape-scale restoration project. *Nikki Gammans, Bumblebee Conservation Trust*
- 11.10 – 11.45 Coffee and poster session**
- 11.45 Monitoring and management of Local Wildlife Sites. *Marie Dipple, Kent Wildlife Trust*
- 12.10 Wizardry with wildlife cameras - Making optimal use of camera traps to evaluate conservation success. *Will Hughes, Plumpton College*
- 12.35 Discussion: Targets for habitats or targets for species: which is best?
- 12.55 – 14.15 Lunch and poster session**
- 14.15 Project Call: A chance for anyone present to publicise and ask for help with wildlife recording projects.
- 14.45 Saproxyllic stepping stones: Supporting deadwood beetle diversity through tree age gaps. *Dr Stephanie Skipp*
- 15.10 General Discussion
- 15.30 Refreshments and Close.**

How to find the **Grimond Building**

From Whitstable, A2, Canterbury and the west enter the university from the A290 follow the road into Giles Lane and turn right into Library Road; from Herne Bay, Canterbury and the east enter the university from Hackington Road and follow Giles Lane and turn left into Library Road.

The joint Grimond and Aphra and Lumley Building is west (though it feels north) of the new Templeman Library.

You may park for free in the Gulbenkian Theatre carpark during day time, or use the Sports Centre Road area on the opposite side of Giles Lane nearby, which has a larger free parking area for visitors.

A plan of the campus and location of the Grimond Building can be viewed at
<https://www.kent.ac.uk/maps/canterbury/canterbury-campus/building/grimond-building/glt2>

There is a frequent bus service to the University from both Canterbury East and Canterbury West railway stations. There is a bus stop named 'Science Building' and it is a short walk east from here onto the main campus and to the Grimond Building near the new Templeman Library.

REGISTRATION FORM

I/We hereby enclose £..... to attend the Kent Wildlife Conference 2023. (Cheques payable to the 'Kent Field Club'. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope if booking confirmation is required).

Name(s)

Address

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Telephone number or email address:

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You can also pay by direct payment to NatWest Bank using these details:

Account name: Kent Field Club

Account number: 00039667

Sort Code: 60-60-08.

Payment reference 'Conference 2023'.

If paying in this way, you must also send a confirmatory email to the Membership Secretary (membership@kentfieldclub.org.uk).