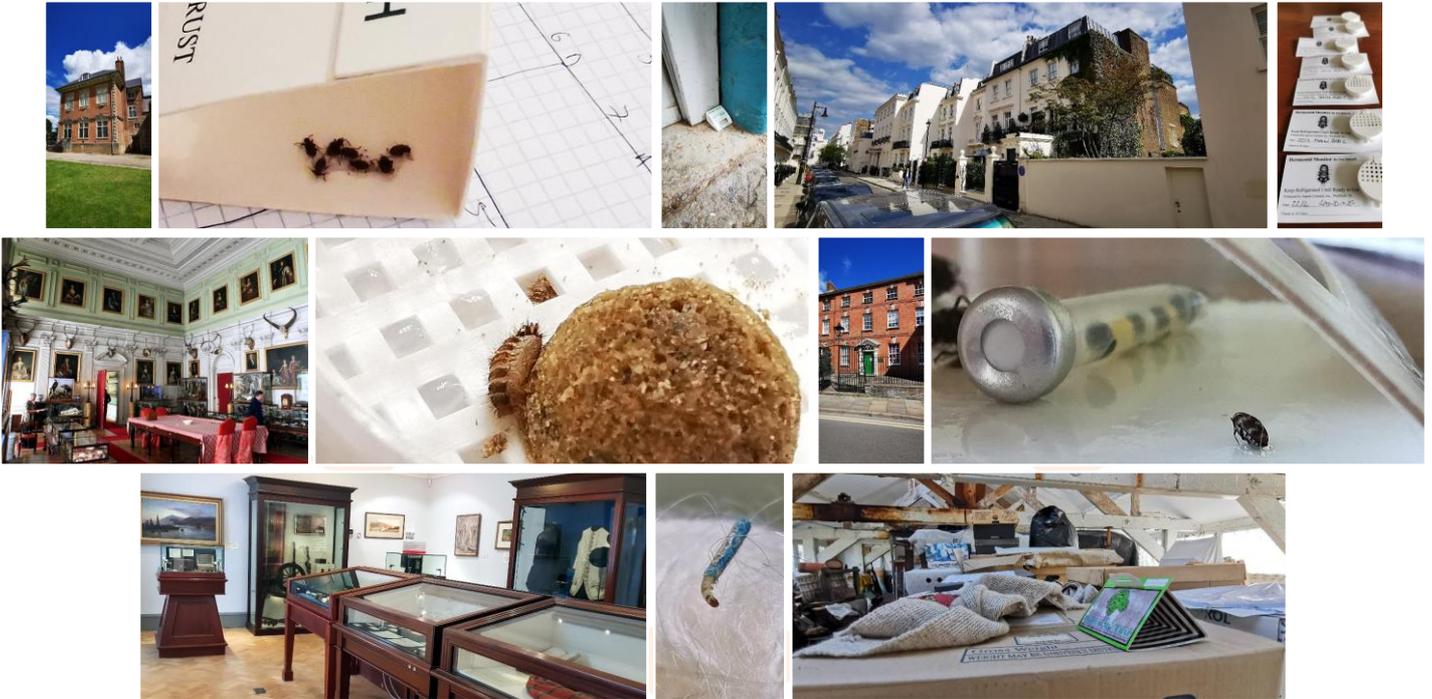




Protecting your home and our heritage



Whether you own a precious inherited object, curate a personal or public collection, manage a home or are responsible for an entire historic estate, keeping possessions in the best possible condition and protecting them from damage by insects is a constant concern. Natural fabrics are vulnerable to feeding by larvae of many insects such as clothes moths and carpet beetles; bathrooms and kitchens can be invaded by silverfish; books and libraries shredded by booklice and furniture and timber mined by woodworm.

All too often pest control in museums, libraries, archives and historic houses comes as a reaction to the discovery of insect activity and damage. Historyonics promotes prevention and the science of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), the aim of which is to monitor for pests and targeting treatment only where and when it is needed.

Historyonics specialises in the supply of insect detection products using pheromones and glue traps that help provide an early warning to potential insect problems and a provides a range of solutions to prevent or combat the threat. Just as each type of insect has its own unique features, so it is with the treatments available to control or eradicate an infestation. Treatments fall into two broad categories; insecticides, which act on the insect's central nervous system, and desiccants which effectively dehydrate the insect. Historyonics is the home of Constrain®, a unique micro-emulsion insecticide formulation using cypermethrin that has been widely tested on sensitive fabrics and shown to be effective in controlling infestations without causing additional damage to the materials being treated.

Historyonics is proud to support many of the great houses and museums of the UK

Our history

Historyonics was established as a trading entity by R. E. (Bob) Child BSc., FIIC., FSA, an international expert and consultant on the protection and maintenance of historic collections. Bob served as the Chief Conservator for the National Museum and Galleries of Wales and his intimate working knowledge of conservation led him to becoming a champion for integrated pest management (IPM) in museums and historic houses. The company passed under the stewardship of Sentomol Ltd. in January 2020. Sentomol is a specialist pest management supply company, offering an extensive range of insect trapping and monitoring systems and is based in Monmouth, South Wales.

A selection of Historyonics speciality products for heritage



The Pheromoth trap is one of our most popular products. With a large catch glue surface and integrated pheromone attractant lure for the Webbing Clothes Moth, the trap provides a convenient means to monitor for moth activity all year and trap adult males that are attracted to the female pheromone. When temperatures are high enough to promote flight, up to 20 times as many moths may be caught on traps with pheromone lures as on un-baited ones.

The Museum Trap or Blunder Trap is a convenient wedge shaped cardboard trap that is designed to sit snugly at any right angled situation such as a wall-floor junction to intercept any insects that may be present in rooms, inside storage cupboards or on shelves. Where bats may be an issue or more discretion is required, use the black floor traps with replaceable glue card inserts as an alternative blunder trap.

Pheromone and attractant lures can be added to give a greater level of trapping precision. Blunder Traps can be used as basic monitoring devices for insects such as silverfish, booklice, ground beetles, carpet beetles and other crawling insects and are good for monitoring the residual population of insects in a building to assess the risk to the collection. They can also give a useful indication of the number of crawling pests which are invading a room or building.

Our pheromone lures come in many shapes and sizes. Pheromones are fine chemicals released as scents that insect utilise to communicate or attract each other. Historyonics can provide an extensive range of pheromones and other broad acting attractants that can be added to glue traps to monitor for insect activity.

Constrain is a new generation, micro-emulsion, water-based insecticide spray, for the control of flying and crawling insect pests found in historic, artistic and scientific collections. It is also suitable for use in domestic properties. It is approved for control of a wide range of insect pests: wood borers, clothes moths, carpet beetles, biscuit beetles, silverfish and book lice etc. Fast acting and odourless (when dry), it is a non-staining and water-based, non-flammable formula. Care is always advised when treating valuable surfaces.

The Insectrac CL Tab system manages clothes moths without the need for insecticides. It comprises a small wax tablet infused with female webbing clothes moth pheromone. As the powder is released in the air it attracts male moths and when they make contact with the powder, it sticks to the antennae, blocking the receptors and confusing the moth. Instead of searching for female partners, the males become confused, stop searching for female moths and the breeding cycle is interrupted. Over time, the CL Tab helps to reduce moth numbers and minimise damage.

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