

Museum Behind the Scenes

This news is themed towards what happens that a visitor may not think about as they visit the Royal Anglian Regiment Museum (RARM).

Probably not the most glamorous part of museum work, but it is important that we protect and safeguard the objects donated to the museum for generations to come. Although we are a current regiment and many items are not as old as some museum collections, if we do not care for them now they will not have longevity in the future.

One museum hazard that affects all types of collections is pests.



(pictured, an array of pest traps to be folded and put in museum cases, and a guide to harmful museum pests and what they will damage)

At the RARM, we work in conjunction with the Imperial War museum to lay and monitor pest traps such as these pictured above. Traps like these give off pheromones to attract any insects that may be about to damage the collection. The traps are folded and put into cases and areas we store collections.

Certainly not a job for the arachnophobic, but it is an important part of museums to make sure any insects in cases aren't harmful and there is no sign of infestation!