



## Looking closer

**Transcript: Video clip presented by zoologist and author Lucy Cooke.**

*LUCY COOKE:*

In order to work out how to tackle the pests in our home, we need to understand them more. That's why I've come to meet Imogen who'll tell me more about the most common pests in this country.

So Imogen I'm really hoping you can help me because I hate moths – I hate them, because they do this...

*IMOGEN:*

Ah, look at that.

*LUCY COOKE:*

Right in the middle.

*IMOGEN:*

The adults don't live for very long. The males are good at flying, the females are useless – they sort of walk along the floor more often. But, they don't cause the damage.

When you've just dropped a tiny, tiny amount of food the moth lays the egg in the fabric, a larvae – little caterpillar – emerges. It's the larval stage that damage your garment.

*LUCY COOKE:*

What can I do to stop them?

*IMOGEN:*

What I do like to use is a pheromone lure. It's called a black stripe moth detector because the adults are supposed to like black stripes.

They're attracted by the smell and think "Yummy, female – we can go and mate and lay eggs".

*LUCY COOKE:*

So this is pretending to be a moth and is going to attract moth that'll then stick to it?

*IMOGEN:*

Yes.

*LUCY COOKE:*

So basically what you do is first of all you isolated what kind of animal your enemy is, then you get to know their lifecycle and then their life style. And then you look for places where you can interrupt it basically and attack.

*IMOGEN:*

Yes. That's it. Know what you've got – therefore you can find the solution.