

## Extended call for posters | Student poster prize

# PESTS of SOCIETY



AEA Spring one-day conference  
Saturday 21 April 2018  
University of Birmingham

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Supported by the Association for Environmental Archaeology (AEA)

This AEA spring conference will present a one-day series of papers and posters which will document both modern and archaeological examples of pests, from a range of situations, such as historic buildings, museum collections, and archaeological materials (including maritime), the damage they cause and the implications of their actions.

The day conference will be followed by a day school on 22 April 2018 (led jointly by the *Charcoal and Wood Work Group* and the *Archaeobotanical Work Group*) where methods and approaches to identifying pests and the types of damage they cause will be explored.

Conference sessions and themes:

### 1) Pests of food production and storage:

From field to store: this session will cover synanthropic pest infestations/damage to crops and food supplies (including livestock) caused, for example, by insects and rodents.

### 2) Pests in buildings and structural timbers

This session will deal with evidence of pest damage in archaeological (including maritime) contexts (wood, charcoal) and in standing buildings. The damage could be contemporaneous or post-depositional, or provide evidence for reuse of old timbers.

### 3) Pests in Collections

This session will report on infestations of museum reference collections, and also of fixtures, fittings and decor in historic properties (eg textiles).

### 4) Pests in the wider environment/landscape

This can include evidence of pestilence in humans as well as plants eg Dutch elm disease.

Please email abstract submissions for posters (max. 200 words) to:  
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Deadline: 16 March 2018

