



Water Research Centre Plc.

Water Research Centre Plc can trace its foundations back to 1927 with the Water Research Pollution Laboratory. Today, as an independent Plc, the WRc leads research into water, waste and environmental issues.

Located close to large tracts of seldom disturbed scrub land and a former butter storage warehouse, the opportunity for rodent populations to thrive has gone unchecked for many years.

The WRc engaged Prokill Thames West to locate an unpleasant aroma that had been noticed in the vicinity of the central computer room that supports the WRc research and development activities. Based on a previous incident suspicions were high that it might be traced back to rodent activity.

Given the obvious health and Safety issues Prokill immediately began a detailed deconstruction of the area to identify the source and the culprit was located and removed within the hour. However, the prime directive of Prokill is prevention rather than cure and to this end it would be key to identify their point of entry to prevent further incidents.

The building in which the WRc thrives has seen many changes of use and has grown threefold in size since the 1980's. Much of the now redundant subterranean cable conduit infrastructure remains in place and Prokill were able to identify a total of 16 entry points around the building that had provided unencumbered access. As part of our 'solutions' approach to control, Prokill took charge of shoring up all entry points and securing the building to prevent further entry.

Having then solved the main issue Prokill then turned its attention to building a ring of defences around the perimeter of all WRc buildings for future protection.

Paul Holister, WRc Facilities Manager, said "Prokill were immediately on the case and demonstrated an intensity of interest in solving our problems rarely seen. They truly were our local hero"