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Hi, and welcome to Newsreel. I'm Carrie Morrison. Coming up:

- Why people in the UK are worried about bed bugs

**Kit:** I kind of wish something had been done sooner and more had been done sooner.

But first...

### Storm Babet

Thousands of homes in the UK have been flooded, and six people have died after a heavy rainstorm.

Storm Babet, as it was called, caused wind speeds of over 180 kilometres an hour in parts of Scotland. And in some places over two months' worth of rain fell in just three days.

Weather forecasters have warned that storms like Babet are likely to happen more often, because of climate change.

### Bed Bugs in the UK

Now, have you ever come across bed bugs?

They're small insects that live in beds and other items of furniture.

They've been in the headlines recently after reports came in from France of a serious outbreak of bed bugs in Paris. Now people in the UK are worried that there could be a similar plague of the tiny insects here.

Pest controllers say they've seen a big rise in the number of people asking for help and advice about bed bugs.

I've been speaking to Natalie Bungay, from the British Pest Control Association.

**Carrie:** So, Natalie, first question – what exactly are bed bugs?

**Natalie:** *I mean, in simple terms, they're an insect. They've got six legs. They feed from our blood that's their main - or only - food source. They hide away in cracks and crevices. Of course, like most pests would do. Just hardy to get rid of.*

**Carrie:** And you said that they- they feed on our blood. What other problems do they cause?

#### to be flooded

*att översvämmas*

#### heavy rainstorm

*kraftigt oväder*

#### windspeed

*vindhastighet*

#### weather forecaster

*meteorolog*

#### bed bugs

*vägglöss*

#### headlines

*tidningsrubriker*

#### outbreak

*utbrott*

#### plague

*pest*

#### pest controllers

*skadedjursbekämpare*

#### Pest Control Association

*förening för skadedjursbekämpare*

#### to feed on blood

*att livnära sig på blod*

#### cracks and crevices

*sprickor och springor*

#### to get rid of

*att bli av med*

**Natalie:** *Physical issues such as obviously the bites will be similar to mosquitoes. So, itching and scratching, of course. But actually, the biggest effect of bed bugs is the psychological effect of having them living in your personal space.*

**Carrie:** And how do you get rid of them?

**Natalie:** *Professional pest controllers is really the only way to deal with bed bugs. Please don't try and deal with a bed bug issue yourself because you could just spread the problem and make it worse.*

**Carrie:** Thanks Natalie.

I've also been speaking to young people on the streets of London. The first person I spoke to was Kit.

**Kit:** *I definitely heard of bed bugs before. I thought of them as little cartoons that you see in animations and not really anything that was more real than that.*

I also spoke with Sam.

**Sam:** *I have heard of bed bugs before. They are small little insects that like to make homes in materials, cloths and stuff like that you might put on a bed. Hence the name.*

**Carrie:** Are you worried about them?

**Sam:** *I guess my response is that it's not ideal, but I'm sure it's something that we will all manage to get through. Personally, I don't have a huge amount of concerns.*

**Carrie:** What do you think, Kit?

**Kit:** *I've seen all the videos on social media of them on the tube now, and it just looks awful and a bit disgusting. And I kind of wish something had been done sooner to get rid of them or to stop them.*

And would you know what to do if you had a case of bed bugs in your house?

**Kit:** *I don't think people... yeah, really know how to get rid of them, which is worrying. And I feel like, if they are all spreading more from London now, more people need to be aware of how to get rid of them as well.*

**Carrie:** Would you know, Sam?

**Sam:** *I would probably call my parents just to double check with them. But I know that there are some anti-bed bug sprays that sort of things that you can buy. And if that was a fail, I would probably go and seek some more professional help.*

Thank you to Sam and Kit.

## Blue Halloween Buckets

*[This is Halloween from The Nightmare Before Christmas]*

As someone with autism, I know that Halloween is a difficult time for autistic children when they go trick or treating.

Now, a charity on the island of Guernsey has started giving blue buckets to children with autism. The idea is that islanders handing out sweets will see the blue bucket and understand the child carrying it has autism.

That's all for this week.

**itching and scratching**  
klåda och kliande

**concern**  
oro, bekymmer

**awful**  
hemskt  
**disgusting**  
äckligt  
**case**  
fall

**to be aware of**  
att vara medveten om

**anti-bed bug spray**  
spray mot vägglöss

**trick or treat**  
bus eller godis

**charity**  
välgörenhetsorganisation  
**islanders**  
öbor

I'll be back on the 18th of November.

Goodbye!

