

Left: Serene
fly screen for windows.
Bottom: A Serene
fly screen for window can
help prevent mosquito bites.



## Phantom Screens can stop you feeling the bite

Wasps aren't the only problem as the summer draws to a close. Mosquito complaints are at a record high and installing Phantom Screens can stop you feeling the bite.

Unprecedented warm and humid weather conditions this year have seen a leap in the *wasp* population but it doesn't end there as discussed by the *BBC News Magazine* online, the numbers of mosquitoes are also up and Britain ought to prepare itself for a future mosquito menace.

NHS direct has reported receiving thousands of concerned calls where a member of the public has received a bite since May this year. They can't all be attributed to mosquitoes of course but the changing conditions in the UK are proving just right for mosquito populations. Michael Bonsall, a Zoologist at Oxford University said, "The weather through May and June this year, along with a warm summer, has affected the population because mosquitoes like the standing breeding water".

It's difficult to get an accurate measure of exact numbers of mosquitoes but the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health along with the Health Protection Agency have created Mosquito Watch to encourage people to voluntarily count and collect different specimens in a similar vein to the *Big Butterfly Count*.

While mosquitoes pose a very different threat in other parts of the world, in the UK they thankfully no longer carry Malaria. They do however still bite causing discomfort and, in some cases, adverse reactions. In severe cases, bites can lead to swelling and unsightly blistering of the skin. In these scenario's it is advised to seek the opinion of your GP.

A Phantom door screen or window screen can prevent these pests coming into your home and causing any harm to you or your family.

If you want to enjoy the summer without worrying about uncomfortable bites occurring in your home then *contact* our expert Phantom Screen fitters or call 01778 560070