Biocontrol is when the natural parasites and predators of the pests are used to control their numbers.

On average the Eden Project spends about £15,000 a year on biocontrol.

Biocontrol organisms pose no risk to our visitors, staff or other animals in the biome.

Pesticides can be harmful to humans so when we spray them in the biome we make sure that the biome is closed to visitors.

The biocontrol organisms only prey on the pest species and will not harm other insects in the biome.

Some pesticides can completely eradicate the whole pest population.

Unfortunately the pesticides we spray are harmful to our biocontrol organisms as well as the pest species!
The Lacewing larvae, ladybirds and parasitic wasps get posted to Eden in insulated polystyrene boxes.

Pests ruin the appearance of the plants and reduce the amount of fruit and vegetables that they produce.

Modern pesticides work very quickly and target particular pest species.

Pesticides are manmade chemicals that are used to kill pest organisms.

Pesticides can build up to harmful levels within food chains. This is known as bioaccumulation.

Scientists are developing pesticides which are biodegradable.

It takes a long time for the biocontrol organisms to control the pest population and they will never completely eradicate it.