



Anglian Lepidopterist Supplies

**Specialising in
moth traps and
related equipment**

GOING MOBILE

For most recorders the garden list is the most important list of moths we keep. However, although most gardens will yield a list of 500+ species (including the micro moths), that still leaves another 2000 odd species to see in the UK. The key to finding new species is to venture further a field and try some new habitats.

Trapping at home is straightforward. The trap is run off the mains with an extension cable. When trapping away from home base, the question of power supplies arises with two options being available. Generators can run several traps but are expensive and can be heavy and cumbersome. The use of actinic tubes as opposed to MV bulbs allows the trap to be powered from a 12 volt battery. Actinic tubes are low current devices, although they do require a high voltage to initially strike. Consequently, the electrics are slightly more complex. Actinic tubes can therefore be run from portable moth traps such as Heath Traps (SK22) or Skinner Traps (SK10a) and are run via the ALS portable unit (SK14a), this will allow the trap to be left unattended in remote locations and depending on battery used, can be left all night. The Heath Trap being the most popular weighing only 1.6kg (without battery), both traps being fully collapsible.



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