SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAAAM!

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Overnight, we were hit by about two hundred spam comments advertising gambling on US sports. At least that's what they said they were doing, I didn't follow any of the URL's to check. I don't care! We do have moderation software installed that doesn't allow suspicious comments to be posted to the site without me checking them first. This is fine, but I really don't want to have to check through 200 adverts for gambling or worse...

So, I've just installed a simple plugin which asks you to type in a randomly generated word when you want to place a comment on the site. It isn't difficult, but hopefully it will reduce the amount of spam we are getting. I now have three anti-spam sets of software running here. Why on earth should I need to do that?