

NGO Deer Branch news



Quick and easy low seat

THIS SIMPLE DESIGN FOR A WIND AND waterproof hide for shooting foxes and deer is made from a container often found around the farm so animals are used to them and rarely give them another glance. To make the 'Dickinson Doe Seat':

- You need: a 1,000 litre plastic chemical container, 12 cable ties, a nut and bolt and two washers.
- Clean the container thoroughly, undo the top braces of the cage, remove the plastic container from the metal outer casing, so that the original top of the container is now on the floor.
- On the side where the tap is, mark a square, each side five inches in from the outside edges. This is going to be the door. Cut the side nearest the tap, mark and drill three sets of two holes for the cable ties to be fed through to act as the hinges. Cut the remaining three sides.

This is now your door.

- On the opposite side, using the same system, mark a square four inches down to six inches in from either side, so the hole is 10 inches deep, then cut the top edge and drill the hinge holes.
- On the two sides, six inches back, cut a hole four inches from the top, 10 inches deep and 20 inches long. Cut the top edge and hinge them. Cut the other three edges.
- On what will be the bottom of the seat, six inches in and four inches from the front edge and as far back as the indentation of the original opener for the container, cut a hole for your feet to fit through (if you have size 12 feet, a big hole), seat the two metal braces back on the outer container and place the inner plastic liner on top with what was the top opening now at the bottom.
- Thread a piece of wood to act as a

Students' success

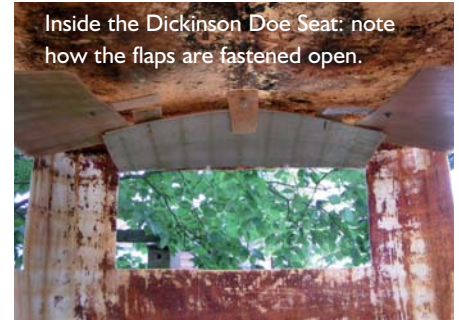
THE NGO HELD A DEER STALKING Certificate Level 1 course for eight students of Plumpton college, East Sussex in May. NGO trainer Alan Barrell said: "All eight young men worked exceedingly hard, they were a credit to themselves and the college, it was a pleasure to work with them."



ALAN BARRELL

Deer/venison funding

THE DEER INITIATIVE (DI) HAS MANAGED a project in eastern England which has provided rural development funding for projects relating to venison production. In some cases, it has contributed 50% of capital costs for extraction, storage, processing and marketing venison, including items such as ATVs, winches, chillers, processing plants and marketing material. The DI plans to apply to extend funding to the whole of England and is seeking expressions of interest together with a broad outline of funding sought so it can make an initial bid. If you are considering buying new or upgrading equipment, get in touch with Graham Rimmington, vpoeastern@thedeerinitiative.co.uk



Inside the Dickinson Doe Seat: note how the flaps are fastened open.

DOE BOX PICS: MICHAEL DICKINSON

foot rest through the outer container and fasten it at a height correct for your feet.

- Retaining the corners and edges on the container will make the box sturdy.
- Put in a piece of wood to sit on, then sitting inside, open the front flap back to the top and put a pencil mark on the roof of the container centrally. Out of piece cut for the foot hole, cut a three inch wide strip. Drill a hole 1½ inches centrally and another in the roof of the box two inches back from the central mark, fastening the two together with a nut and bolt to act as a catch to hold open the covers (so if you open two sides and the top this will hold all three open, see picture above).
- Put a piece of pipe lagging on the bottom edge of the three opening panels to act as a rifle rest. When the box is in position, put a six-foot timber post in each corner to anchor the box to the ground and screw from the plastic outer into the posts to make the cage rigid and secure. Job done! Your own 'Dickinson Doe Seat'.



The Dickinson Doe Seat ready to use.