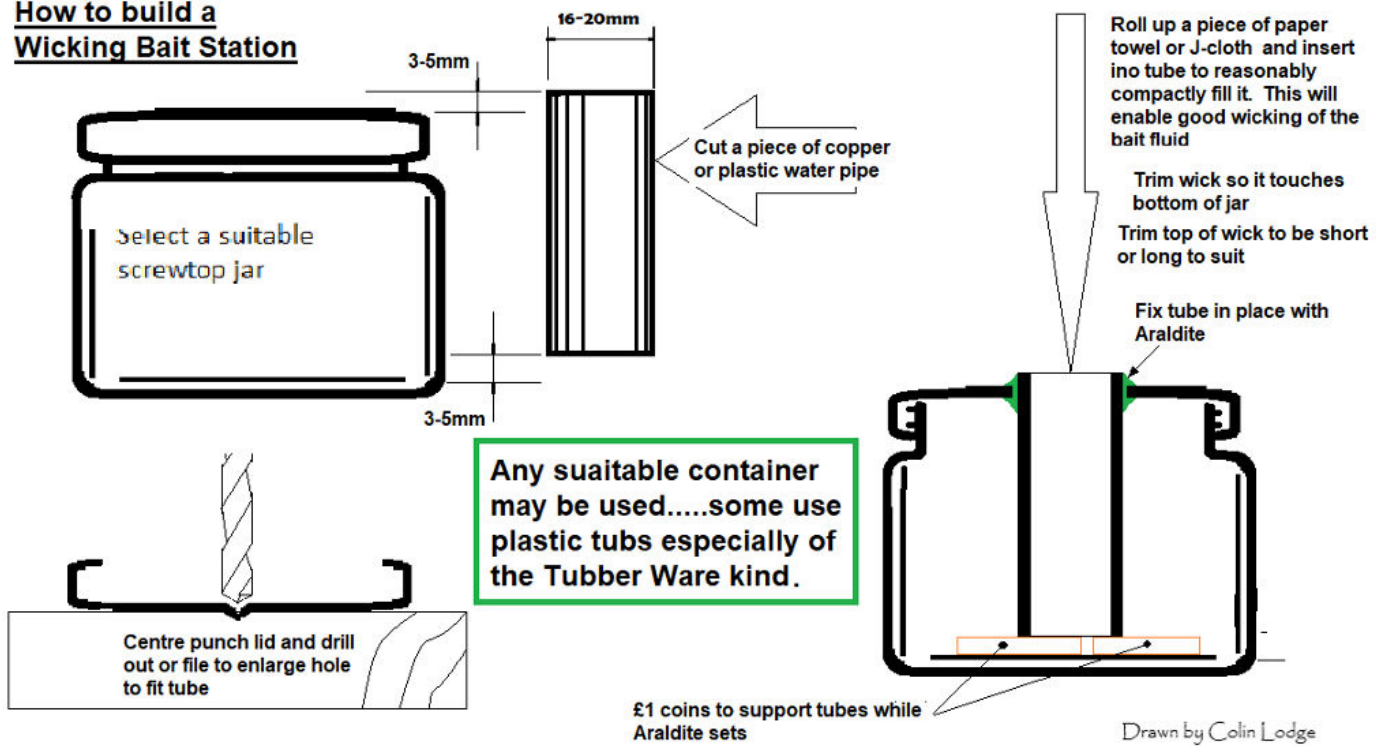


How to build a wicking bait station

If you have some basic marking skills, you may like to make the new wicking bait station, which is protected from the weather and uses less attractant.

How to build a Wicking Bait Station





- Select a suitable screw top jar
- Any suitable container may be used, some use plastic tubs, especially of the Tupperware® kind
- Cut a piece of copper or plastic water pipe (16-20 mm)
- Centre punch the lid and drill out or file to enlarge hole to fit the tube

- Roll up a piece of paper towel or J cloth and insert it into the tube to reasonably compactly fill it. This will enable good wicking of the bait attractant
- Trim the wick so it touches the bottom of the jar
- Trim the top of the wick to be short or long to suit
- Fix the tube in place with glue, such as Araldite®
- Pound coins placed in the bottom of the jar will support the tube while the glue sets
- Add sufficient hornet attractant
- Place a wicking bait station where you can regularly monitor.

Download instructions

For a more detailed tutorial of how to make your wicking bait station, [download the instructions](#).

Which bait station works best?

From experience in Jersey, the wicking bait stations have proven to be the best and offer greater benefits:

- Weather proof
- Larger reservoir of attractant
- Easily home-made
- Cloth wick with attractant keeps wafting scent into the air
- Easy to attract Asian hornets on the cloth wick
- **Do not have by-catch** (eg not killing other insects and pollinators).

What is By Catch?

Attached is a link to a study on this very informative but a lot to get through

[Effectiveness and Selectiveness of Traps and Baits for Catching the Invasive Hornet *Vespa velutina* - PMC \(nih.gov\)](#)