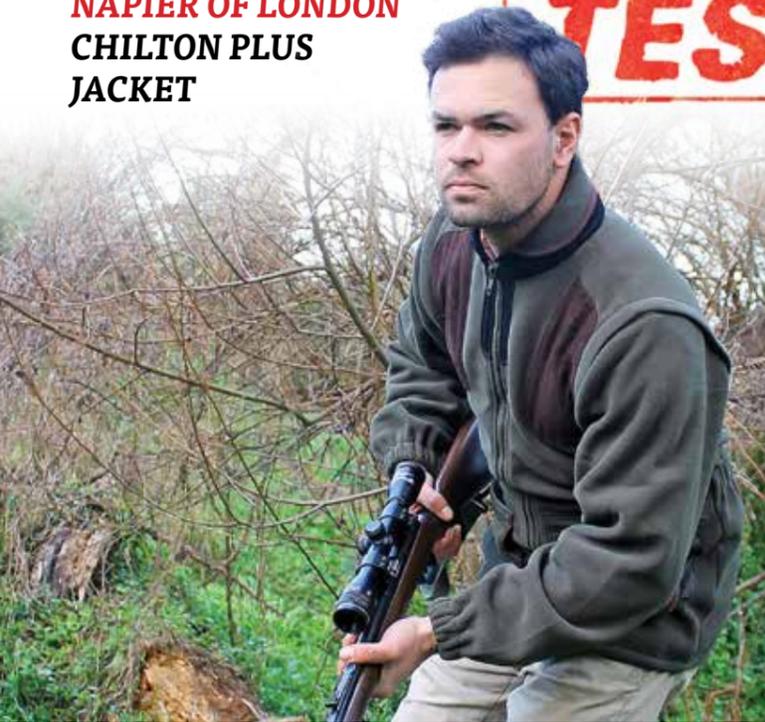


**NAPIER OF LONDON
CHILTON PLUS
JACKET**

TESTED

By Cheval Graham



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Heading into the colder months of the year, I was fortunate to be able to test out the Chilton Plus jacket during my winter adventures. What makes it stand out from the rest?

The Chilton Plus dual layer fleece jacket prides itself on being an all-day, all-season jacket suitable for all types of shoot or leisure activity. It is warm, light and most importantly, windproof. The zip-off sleeves enable the jacket to be transformed from providing protection against the harsh winter weather to offering a great outdoor top layer for the rest of the year.

The look is quite regal, with the reminiscent style of an English hunter on an outing for partridge to take back to his manor. This jacket looks great for any outdoors occasion; from getting down and dirty in the bush with a rifle to a more semi-formal event.

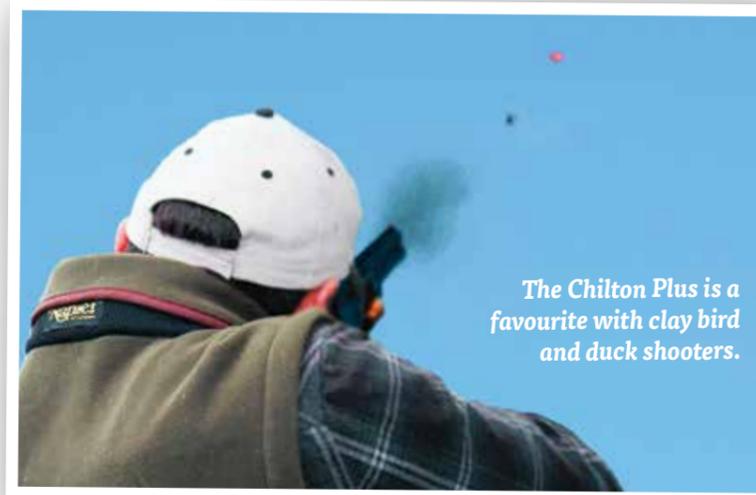
The Chilton Plus is a favourite with clay bird and duck shooters. Napier of London have featured two full-size cartridge pockets on the front exterior, to help shooters have easy access to accommodate reloading and remove the need for zips and velcro.

These pockets are deep enough to keep your items safe throughout the day.

For stalkers, who need to duck and dive their way through dense bush, two more secured internal pockets are offered. This ensures your ammo, phone, keys and wallet are not lost in the thicket.

An innovative factor of the Chilton Plus is AWD (Active Weight Distribution).

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This development absorbs the weight of cartridges in the pockets and evenly distributes it across your wider shoulder area, rather than just hanging on the neck. This feature is really noticed on long distance walks or when spending hours in your maimai.

When I wore the Chilton Plus for the first time, I immediately noticed two things; the jacket has a nice fit around the middle and the sleeves are quite roomy for a jacket. When drawing a shotgun or rifle up to fire, your arms feel unrestricted. Some jacket sleeves can be tight fitting when it comes to twisting and pulling movements, but this is certainly not the case with the Chilton Plus. When twisting your body, the load in your pocket sits comfortably so you don’t strain your neck after a long day out.

The Chilton Plus certainly has a place on my coatrack.



In the field

Being winter, the mornings are cold but heading out in the Chilton Plus had me cosy and warm from the start. Making my way up ridges the jacket fitted well and kept me comfortable as the sunlight started to push through the low cloud. While stalking, the jacket didn’t create any noise and kept me out of sight with its earthy/woody colours.

By the time I had reached the tops I was getting hot, so I simply unzipped the front and enjoyed the rest of the day with the jacket as an open layer.

This jacket comes into its own when duck or clay shooting. You feel grounded with its fit but have free range of movement when tracking your target across the sky. The bonus feature is being able to remove the sleeves.

A vest with this sort of pocket storage is a must have for all your shotgun cartridges and a welcome addition on your game bird hunt or local club clay shoot, season after season.

The Chilton Plus is the perfect jacket for those wanting an all-round windproof fleece garment. Whether you are duck shooting or bush bashing, the material used for this jacket will ensure a long life for tough-going escapades. The semi-formal design also makes it suitable to wear to social gatherings.

The Chilton Plus from Napier Of London certainly has a place on my coatrack and will be making a regular appearance in my future hunting adventures. Keep an eye out for it!

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