



Fishing Report 11th April 2022

What another absolutely fantastic week it's been, with our anglers producing an outstanding rod average of 10.29! Really great effort chaps!

Buzzers have again proven a popular fly with anglers fishing either just a few feet below the surface and close in to shore, or using sinking lines to reach down near the reservoir bed out in deeper waters.

Special mention this week has to go to Pete Eville who had a cracking couple of days out on the water; on Thursday he took 39 to the boat including 6 browns and the week's heaviest recorded rainbow at 4lb 6oz, he then returned on Friday to log another 23 rainbows! Excellent work Pete, well done!

Frank Sumnall earns another mention this week, he and Gary Freegard were with us on Friday and took over 50 fish to the boat, finding success using a Di5 line at both Sheepwash and Upperfields - what a fantastic day on the water, well done to you both!

Thursday saw the launch of our brand new wheelyboat. Unfortunately the poor weather postponed the planned St Oswald Plate Match but we were pleased to still be able to welcome many of the extremely kind sponsors and supporters to the launch. Please see below for the full write up.

On Saturday we were pleased to welcome the Sierra Pairs once again for one of their heats. There was some great competitive fishing with the key to success being bag weight. The overall winners were Ric Saccone and Martin Smith with an impressive bag weight of 22lb 10oz, taking under 2 hours to catch and weigh in. Second place went to Mick McIntic and Gary Owen who weighed their bag in at 21lb 8oz. Overall a fantastic day on the water!

Once again it's been an absolutely amazing week of fishing, so a big thank you to you all for fishing here with us.

Please note we are now almost completely fully booked for Thursday and Friday this week, with Saturday booking up fast too.

Rod Average

The rod average for this week was **10.29** with 350 fish caught by 34 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest Rainbow was 4lb 6oz caught by Pete Eville.
The heaviest Brown was 3lb 2oz caught by Phil Harding.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using either floating lines with a sink tip, or fast sink lines - weather dependant. Drifting has proven very successful this week.

The most successful flies were buzzers, white, pink or orange snakes, black boobies, nymphs and green & black lures.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been Tower Bank, Sheepwash, the North End, Upperfields and the Sailing Club Island.



Many thanks to Ben Hensell for the above picture, he says: 'Christian Hurley (left) after his first ever fly fishing session, taking 4 trout. David Keightley took another 2 whilst showing Christian the ropes. All fish were caught on a snake pattern on fast sinking lines. As usual at Carsington, a great day had by all.'



Carsington Fishery Launches Brand-New Wheelchair Accessible Boat

Even more disabled anglers across Derbyshire can now fish on Carsington Water, thanks to a third accessible angling boat

A brand-new wheelchair accessible angling boat has been launched on Carsington Water in Derbyshire, thanks to a partnership between national charity The Wheelyboat Trust and the trout fishery at Carsington Water.

Tony Highton, a retired Carsington Fishery warden and close friend and supporter of Carsington Fishery, identified the need for a third wheely boat back in June 2021. Tony is always up for a challenge and is the most amazing fundraiser. Within just a few months Tony had raised almost enough funds to support the project, with the additional support and fund raising of the Wheelyboat Trust. In addition to all those who donated we had support from Marine Tec who sourced the all-important push-button start engine, and P&D Trailers who not only supplied the correct trailer but also transported Tony to collect the boat and deliver it ready for the official launch.

The new boat – a Coulam 16 Wheelyboat – is the third accessible fishing boat of its kind to be launched on Carsington Water and is specifically built for wheelchair users. Like its sister boats that were launched in 2004 and 2012, it is specially adapted to enable those with mobility issues to board and use the boat independently and safely, without having to be manhandled into a boat which is not only unsafe but undignified.

Carsington Water's first two wheelyboats have proven so popular that a third is needed to keep up with demand. Now, the growing fleet of accessible angling boats will enable even more disabled anglers from Derbyshire and beyond to enjoy fishing for top-quality trout in Carsington's crystal-clear waters, just south of the picturesque Peak District.

The new Coulam 16 Wheelyboat was funded in part by donations from various Masonic Lodges in the Midlands, Foundation Derbyshire, Carsington Reservoir Fund, Ashbourne Gardening Club, DDDC, The family & friends of John Grimes, Dixon Pitchfork Charitable Trust Fund, The Gordon Trust and various donations through the Just Giving page. It was launched on Thursday 7th April 2022 by Arthur Steven Varley, Provisional Grand Master of Derbyshire Freemasons.

Carsington Fishery wish to thank all those involved in making this possible and for all the kind donations. Thanks to Tony for his amazing efforts and we look forward to seeing him out fishing throughout the season.

Casting Tuition for Beginners

Our beginners casting tuition has restarted for the 2022 season.

This is a great opportunity to learn the basics of casting, knots and entomology under the guidance of a qualified instructor. Our qualified instructor will provide all equipment for the course - you are welcome to bring your own. The cost is £40 per person, minimum age 12 years. Booking is essential as places are limited, please visit our website to book your place.

How to make a booking for Carsington Water

The best way to make a booking is via our website – www.carsingtonwater.com.

We have two time options for booking a day boat, 8.30 - 17.30 or 9.00 - 18.00. We are also now pleased to be offering a half day 8.30 - 2pm boat option.

If you have purchased multiple permits from us at the beginning of the season then please just book your boat and follow the instructions on the booking page.

Derbyshire County Angling Club - **DCAC** customers also have the same time options.

If you have any problems then please do give us a call.

Pictures

It's good to be able to feature those great catches on our weekly reports. We have already received some great shots, thanks to those who have emailed in.

Please don't hesitate to email photos of your catch to flyfishing@carsingtonwater.com. Remember to note your name, weight of fish, fly used and area caught. We always have a camera in the fishery lodge so let us know if your catch is worth a snap!

Safety Information

Please can we remind our anglers:

- Always wear your killcord whilst the engine is running
- Do not stand up whilst the boat is moving either as driver or passenger
- Wear your lifejacket on top of all other clothing
- Carry a mobile phone

Fishing Reports

Our weekly fishing reports will be emailed out to those on our mailing list and will be available to view on our website: <http://www.carsingtonwater.com/Fishing-Reports.html>.

If you would like to be on our email mailing list then please let us have your details.

http://www.carsingtonwater.com/contact-us/info_2.html

You can also help us with our reports by filling in the fishing catch return forms and putting them in the returns box by the warden's office, plus any pictures are always useful.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the 2022 season.
Don't forget to book your boat in advance to avoid disappointment.

Boats will leave the jetty at either 8.30 or 9am and must be back to the jetty by 5.30 or 6pm respectively.

Please allow sufficient time to return from your fishing spot

Please note that Carsington is a boat fishing water only. It is advisable that boat bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment. Discounts are available for bookings of 5 or more boats.