



## Fishing Report - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

We have seen a slight increase in the rod average to 2.6.

Storm Agnes gave us some windy condition early in the week with the weather clearing in time for our group bookings later in the week.

We have had several changes in wind direction and air temperatures and the fish have been predominately deep down with some moving higher in the water on the brighter days. We have seen vast amount of fly life around the shore lines especially during the warm, damp conditions on Sunday.

Our reception team have busy processing bookings for the Predator fishing days in November. There has been lots of excitement with anglers having the opportunity to fish a new water for pike and perch. Our first day, Thursday 9th November has just one boat left, all other days have seen 50% take up.

It was great to see Ian & Colin Cook out in the wheelie boat on Monday. The conditions were favourable, they fished until mid afternoon and caught 6 fish between them. They caught in Fishtail creek using a fast sinking line with a sparkly fritz fly.

Mr Wood, one of our regular anglers, fished on Tuesday. He had 6 fish in total catching them all drifting using the rudder in the middle of the water.

Paul another regular was the only boat out on Wednesday, he braved the elements until mid afternoon. Paul caught 9 fish in total all from around buoy 4. These fish were caught on an immediate line using an olive cats whisker.

Thursday was practice day for most ahead of the HASSRA competition on Friday. Many anglers caught a couple of fish each. George Aston managed 10 in total and organiser Ashley Robertson has 4. Fishing deep using Di7 on a slow retrieve was still the best method. Those that tried to fish higher in the water on intermediates lines were less successful. 11 boats left the jetty by 8.30 for the HASSRA competition on Friday. 56 fish were caught overall with a competition rod average of 2.8. A number of fish were caught weighing between 3 and 4lbs. Most fished fast sinking lines, slow retrieve using snakes, lures and fritz. We look forward to hosting the competition again next year and seeing the group out on the water once again.

The weekend saw 2 completely different days.

Saturday was a cool, calm, drizzly day but produced an number of catches. Intermediate lines, boobies and snakes worked well. Colin Hendry caught 6 fish from various locations but all in deep water. All fish were caught on black & green snakes.

Sunday started out to be a much warmer day but wet and a little more breezy. Catches for Sunday were not as rewarding as they had been earlier in the week.

We have just 5 weeks left of the trout season, the mornings are definitely feel more Autumnal and the nights are drawing in. The next 2 weeks will be the last weeks where we will be able to fish until 6pm, after 15th October fishing times will reduce as the day light hours shorten.

### **Autumn Open Competition**

We have a few boats left for this weekends competition  
Sat 7th October 2023

This is a known pairs competition with prizes for the winning pair, heaviest overall bag and biggest individual fish, the cost is £76 per pair. We currently have 2 boats left so don't miss out on taking part in our friendly, enjoyable competition.

You can find more information on past competition and booking information via the following link.

[Autumn Open Information](#)



#### Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 2.6 with 127 fish caught by 49 anglers.

#### Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbow was 4lbs 2oz caught by Michael Barker

The heaviest brown was caught by Jose Villarino it weighed 4lbs 5oz.

Both of the above fish was caught during the HASSRA competition on Friday.

#### Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using black, green or pink snakes, black blobs, black & silver humungous, green & black fritz. Most anglers have fished on sinking lines on a slow retrieve, some switching to intermediate lines as the air temperatures warmed up after midday.

#### Top Spot

The most popular spots have been Dam Wall, Middle of the reservoir, Millfield's & valve tower, buoy 4 especially.

#### **News for November**

##### **Predator Fishing Days - Fly & Lure**

Following our trout fishing season which will close on Sunday 5th November, we are looking to trial some predator fishing days.

We know that lots of our anglers have been asking about this type of fishing and there are many other waters that are already offering this as an alternative to fly fishing. We are not looking to mix & match Fly Fishing & Predator fishing but to see if this is something that could enhance / extend our fishing provision for the future.

[More information can be found by clicking the following link.](#)

