



## Fishing Report – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

There has been a mixture of weather conditions and wind strengths this week. The early part of the week saw calmer conditions and it was great to see some of our regular anglers back on the water. Pete, Chad, James and Peter all catching well and reporting great quality, strongly fighting over-wintered fish.

The most popular areas have been along the east bank around Stitch Plantation and Fishtail creek.

As the week progressed, the wind increased and this reduced our angler numbers on Wednesday and Thursday. The South Westerly breeze pushed anglers into Millfield's, Shiningford Creek and along Tower Bank. Fish were still caught, albeit deeper, but this meant the number of fish caught was reduced. Terry & Tony were out in the wheelie boat and caught well fishing with the rudder on short drifts in Millfield's.

Friday was a busy day with popular spots in Millfield's and along the dam wall but with many fish being caught deeper down.

On Sunday we experienced a complete change of wind direction, to a North Easterly. Most boats ventured across to the east bank and fish tail creek which hosted calm, sheltered conditions. Intermediate lines were the order of the day with anglers having success on buzzers as well as snakes and lures.

This week has also seen stocking coming from Gordon at Ashford Newbridge Trout Farm and Ian delivering a double drop from Bibury. Lots of fantastic fish of 2lbs upwards. There should be plenty of time for these fish to disperse prior to the Greys Pairs heat on Sunday.

Following the clocks changing on Saturday we are now open for bookings 8.30 - 5.30 or 9.00 - 6.00 each day. There is also the half day option 8.30 - 2.00 for those who prefer a shorter day.

**Please note** - We are fully booked on Sunday due to Greys Pairs Heat, boats are still available for all other days.



*A lovely brown caught by Peter Skelton.*

*This was the first of four fish caught on Tuesday morning and it fought hard and strong before being landed.*

### Rod Average

The rod average for this week was **3.68** with 81 fish caught by 22 anglers.

### Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest Rainbow was 4lb caught by Mr Williamson on of 5 fish caught overall.  
The heaviest Brown was 3lbs caught by Peter Boden fishing on a sinking line with a slow retrieve with a small lure.

### Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using mostly sinking lines on a slow retrieve.  
The most successful flies were black & green lures, black tadpoles, zonkers, montanna, pink snake, orange lure with gold head. Buzzers also came into play on the lighter wind days.

### Top Spot

The most popular spots have been Tower Bank, Millfields, Sailing club island, and Stitch Plantation.

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### Spring Open Competition

Our Spring Open competition will take place on Sat 15th April this season.

This is a known pairs competition with prizes for the winning pair, heaviest overall bag and biggest individual fish, the cost is £70 per pair. We currently have 6 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.

[Spring Open Information](#)

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### Fly Fishing Tuition for 2023

For the last few seasons Don Stazicker has been supporting us with his fishing expertise, offering fly casting lessons for beginners. Don has a busy year ahead so is unable to join us again this season. We thank him for all his support and look forward to seeing him out fishing for his own pleasure.

Chad Critchley has kindly taken on the role becoming our new fly fishing coach. He will bring a wealth of knowledge, coaching and support. Not only are we looking forward to welcoming novice anglers to the beginner fly casting sessions, but for the first time, with Chads support, we are able to help bank anglers try fishing from a boat in our 'Intro to boat fishing' sessions.

You can follow Chad on his Facebook page **CC Fly Fishing** and see how he is already developing anglers skills this season on river reservoir.

### Casting Tuition for Beginners

These are ideal for someone who wants to get into fly fishing or just have a go at casting. All flyfishing equipment is included in the price of the session. The session is based on land as the aim is to concentrate on the art of casting a fly rod before you before using your new found skills to go out on the water to catch some fish.

*The cost is £45 per person, minimum age 12 years. Booking is essential as places are limited, click the button below for dates and bookings.*

### Intro to fly fishing from a boat

Whether you have little or no experience to in fly fishing from a boat. Our 3 hours boat fishing experience sessions will give you a point in the right direction.  
Our qualified Game Fishing coach will give an introduction to safe boat driving and boat etiquette. Casting from the boat, fishing at anchor or on the drift plus best of all reading the weather conditions and finding the favoured fishing spot for the day. Hopefully catching a one of our beautiful rainbow trout to complete your experience.  
We are able to accommodate 2 people in the boat with our coach on each session. You can choose to book this session on a private basis or share the experience with another like minded angler.

*Each session will last approx 3 hours.*

*The cost is £85 per person or £150 for a private 1 to 1 session, minimum age 16 years.  
Booking is essential as places are limited, click the button below for dates and bookings.*

### 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](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 2023 season.  
Don't forget to book your boat in advance to avoid disappointment.

