

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT  
For week ending Friday 11/8/2023  
by Ray French.

The sudden bright sunshine and blue sky has put the fish down again, which is a pity as the recent cooler weather had dropped the water temperature and encouraged quiet a few fish to rise. Last weekend and early this week saw quite a few Any Method and Fly rods catch, but it was almost exclusively down to the presence of low cloud. Again, the best AM method was the Float with bait and for the Fly boys the Floater with Booby, Nymphs and Blobs. Wednesday was change day!

I was out Wednesday with John Turner. There was not a breath of wind to start, no cloud and very hot. We did eventually get ripple, just about, but no more than that. However, the ripple was sufficient to move the boat and provide a coolant but needless to say it did very little for the Trout. I did see a couple of the anchored AM lads catch but we couldn't get any response to the Fly. Nay, I speak with forked tongue...I did land a Perch and John had a Trout on and off to white Booby, but surprise and excitement got the better of him!!

#### SUMMARY

Difficult. That almost goes without saying but then this has been a very strange summer so far, the weather can and has changed very quickly.

Cloud cover is what we need more than anything, with it the Trout will respond. Having said that I don't think the Trout have gone seriously deep, not the 30ft-40ft of recent years, and at certain parts of the day have come up within 3ft. But water temperature will compromise on depth. It will depend on how long the hot spell lasts.

Personally, I have to say that with old age my aspirations have waned somewhat. One is easier pleased. I just love being out in a boat. It was idyllic on Wednesday, the beautiful weather, the scenery, the expectation. Yes of course, it would have been nice to get a few fish on the line but then I knew the score and somehow it didn't seem to matter over much.

In fact, at one point John and I discussed the options had we not come down and concluded that gardening, work or DIY were not options of desire and that we would most likely been thinking only of what might have been...

Tight lines and enjoy your week.  
Ray F.

