

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

February 2026

Water level: 97%

Bewl Water – End of Season Fishing Report

As we close the curtain on another busy season at Bewl Water, it's time to look back at recent conditions, give an update on the reservoir, and share what anglers can expect as we prepare for an exciting reopening on 18th March.

End-of-Season Conditions

The final stretch of the season proved challenging for many anglers. As we moved into late winter, a combination of **unsettled weather patterns** and **rapidly rising water levels** made the fishing noticeably tougher.

- **Water level:** now sitting at **97%**, which has significantly altered shoreline structure and fish behaviour.
- **Weather:** fluctuating temperatures, strong winds, and heavy rainfall reduced water clarity and dispersed fish into deeper, less predictable areas.

These factors meant that even experienced regulars found the going tough during the final weeks.

Season Closure & Reopening Date

Bewl Water is now officially **closed for the season**.

We reopen on:

 **18th March – Opening Day for the 2026 season**

Booking is already extremely busy, and dates are filling fast. We strongly encourage anyone planning to fish during the opening weeks to secure their boat or ticket as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Winter Maintenance

What the Rangers Are Working On...

During the closure period, our Ranger and maintenance teams are working flat-out behind the scenes to ensure Bewl is in top condition for anglers on opening day.

Boat Overhaul

We have **56 boats**, and every single one is currently undergoing a full inspection and clean, inside and out. After an incredibly busy year, many boats have accumulated damage and wear, so our winter programme includes:

- **Structural checks and repairs**
- **Cleaning and repainting where needed**
- **Fixing seats, fittings, and safety equipment**
- **Replacing or repairing damaged components**

We kindly ask anglers to **treat the boats with care** throughout the season. This year saw an increased amount of damage, and maintaining these boats is a huge task.

Engine Servicing

All outboard engines are receiving a **full service** to ensure smooth, reliable running throughout the season.

Oar & Equipment Maintenance

- **Oars are being re-varnished**
- **All accessories, safety gear, and associated hardware are being checked and repaired**

Stocking Update

The fish order has been placed:

 **42,000 fish** are coming into the reservoir for the new season.

Like everything else this year, **fish prices have risen**, with costs increasing by 50p per kilo, but we remain committed to maintaining Bewl's reputation for excellent stocking quality.

Looking Ahead to Opening Day

With fresh stock arriving, fully serviced boats, and the reservoir nearly brim-full, everything is being prepared for what promises to be an excellent start to the 2026 season.

A Thank You From Bewl Water Fishing

On behalf of the entire Bewl Water team, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported Bewl Water Fishing throughout the year. Whether you joined us on the water, shared your catches, brought friends along, or simply championed Bewl from afar — your support means everything.

It's been a busy, challenging, and rewarding season, and none of it would be possible without the anglers, clubs, visitors, and partners who continue to make Bewl Water such a special place.

As we look ahead, we're hopeful and excited for what 2026 will bring. With fresh stocking, fully serviced boats, and a lake almost back to full level, we're preparing for a fantastic new season, and we can't wait to welcome you all back on 18th March.

Thank you once again for your loyalty, patience, enthusiasm, and care for the fishery.

Here's to tight lines, calm winds, and a brilliant 2026 at Bewl Water.

— The Bewl Water Fishing Team

