

The Mighty Channel protecting the Fens



But where are the fish?

It's hard on the rivers and drains at the moment with very few consistent catches anywhere.

Best most recent catch 18 big bream and 9 good skimmers from the Relief Channel but then the fish moved. The need is to catch the Channel when the water is on the move but not in flood., and of course you are not at work.

There seem few anglers on the banks for whatever reason. I had a tour of the Relief Chanel in the week and didn't see an angler or signs of any fish. Mind the water didn't look to inspiring, flat calm which is always a no no for the water, no flow and no colour.

Saturday saw many more anglers trying to find the big shoals, with Saddlebow particularly busy, at least a few fish showed up there.

Bream and Tench nets elsewhere pleasing the anglers who were in the right place at the right time. Then again if you are not on the bank, you won't catch the fish?

A similar story on the Ouse, always worth a try with pockets of fish all along the river. Once again not easy to find with the small numbers of anglers giving the water a go. Then the next question what is the best method to deter the small fish and let the better fish find your bait.

At least even in the heavy flows the river is fishable. Time was it used to be impossible to fish particularly on the feeder as the flows always seemed to bring down rubbish and rafts of weed, leaving your line like a line of washing. That doesn't seem to be the case now, we just need to find the better fish. Then again if you are getting bites and finding a few fish it's better than not fishing at all. Get out on the bank and you are always in with a chance.

An Ouse photo sent in.



The other option is to fish the Lakes which more and more anglers tend to do. Hence why the Snettisham waters are so popular. Bear lake still fishing well and with all round access any sheltered areas can be chosen. Shepherds producing a few carp, numbers of bream and at last some chub.

Few roach, bream and carp from Kings Lake last week. Springside is very quiet. Very little action anywhere when I baliffed on Sunday., bit like my recent fishing forays.