

# Wherwell Rivers Qualifier

2nd February 2020

Organiser: Baz Reece

## MORNING

Name	No of fish	Points	% of total score in that session
1. Gavin Walsh	8	447	27.49%
2. Trevor Hayman	9	421	25.89%
3. Mark Thomas	6	325	19.99%
4. Ben Bangham	6	284	17.47%
5. Dave Wiltshire	2	57	3.50%
6. Mark Lynch	1	46	2.83%
7. Bernie Maher	1	46	2.83%

33 fish 1626 pts 100.00%

## AFTERNOON

Name	No of fish	Points	% of total score in that session
1. Peter Buckey	7	344	57.05%
2. Alex Adams	4	168	27.86%
3. Mark Withyman	1	53	8.79%
4. Tony Baldwin	1	38	6.30%
5. Simon Clarke	Nil	Nil	0.00%
6. Rob Price	Nil	Nil	0.00%
7. Baz Reece	Nil	Nil	0.00%

13 fish 603 pts 100.00%

Best fish: Gavin Walsh 44cms

## OVERALL RESULTS

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**Baz Reece reports:** Last year this qualifier was threatened with being called off due to snow. This year the river was running high. Rain is the new snow!

The morning was quite warm with no wind and an appearance of the sun. The river was just weeping over the banks in places and the clarity was good.

This year fourteen anglers pitched up to fish. Baz Reece showed his usual level of incontinence in organisation and corralling the anglers. This year there was a no wading rule and the fishery is only open to rods two days a week. This is in keeping with the fishery establishing conservation measures to encourage Trout breeding and protection of redds.

The morning session started with a walk off and anglers deciding whether to wander the banks up or down. In the warm of the morning fish were being caught on a variety of methods but 'Clink and dink' proved popular as did straight nymphing. The fish weren't easy to tempt but at the end of the session there were no blanks. Trevor Hayman and Gavin Walsh did well and he landed the day's best Grayling of 44cm.

After lunch the cloud and wind came in with a drop of temperature. To some there was an impression that the overnight rain had pushed into the river and the flow increased. The catch rates dropped and fishing was distinctly harder. Pete Buckey and Alex Adams were the two to get the bulk of the thirteen fish recorded with three blanks. There were the odd fish rising but it didn't seem they wanted dries.

The morning session recorded thirty three fish and the afternoon just thirteen.

The consensus was to run this event again next year but the fishery cost will be at the daily rate so it will be £65 a day next year. That would mean a cost to the angler of £32.50 for the competition plus entry fee. If this is still okay I will happily run it. Let me know.