

RIVERS TRIALS 2022

With the original venue (River Ebbw) being closed to angling due to water temperatures around 20 degrees, a suitable alternative venue had to be arranged at short notice. Luckily, the upper River Wye beats of Dolgau, and Craig Llyn with far lower temperatures of around 12 degrees were available and permission was granted by the beat owners Richard Gipps, and Shaun Watkins to allow the trials to take place.

The trials, over 2 days (Sat & Sun 23rd & 24th July) were a huge success, and the river conditions and fishing was superb, with anglers recording up to 18 fish in sessions of 90 minutes. Total eligible fish recorded over the two days was 291, all fish measured, and released.

These trials are always fiercely competitive, as the prize upon qualifying is the opportunity to represent Wales at the Rivers International the following year. Sunday morning, at the half way stage, was quite tense with nobody yet guaranteed a place, and nobody either could be ruled out - so it was all still there for the taking.

At the end of the match, the anglers waited patiently and some no doubt nervously, as the final sessions results were totalled, and announced. In first position with a score of 7 place points from 4 sessions was first time triallist Kyle Cheshire, who is the National Rivers champion for 2022 (brilliant result Kyle - well done) the other qualifiers are as follows: 2nd - Simon Barton. 3rd - Rob Bending. 4th - Shaun Watkins. 5th - Terry Bromwell. Reserve - Nigel James. Well done all, and commiserations to all who didn't quite make it. Was a pleasure to spend a weekend with you all.

Many thanks.

Paul Jenkins.

TOTALS

	FISH	POINTS	PLACINGS	POSITION
ANDREW BANNER	18	977	17	8TH
CARL WATSON	11	625	21	11TH
JAMES RICE	17	838	17	10TH
KYLE CHESHIRE	38	1955	7	1ST
MATTHEW GRIFFITHS	30	1532	14	7TH
NIGEL JAMES	30	1542	13	6TH
ROB BENDING	31	1560	10	3RD
SHAUN WATKINS	24	1247	11	4TH
SIMON BARTON	33	1768	8	2ND
TERRY BROMWELL	31	1650	12	5TH
DAFYDD WILLIAMS	11	575	21	12TH
HARRY WATKINS	17	893	17	9TH

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