



South East Fly-Fishers Federation 2014 Rivers Qualifier

19th October, Lower Itchen fishery



This was the 18th Rivers Qualifier the South East FF Federation has held on the Lower Itchen, and for our Official Practice we were greeted by a river in excellent condition, despite rain during the previous week, and a good head of grayling in a co-operative mood. Other species also featured: as well as more than 30 sea trout being recorded by us during the week, Harry Fox managed to land two salmon to double figures in a couple of days.

As good as the fishing was in practice, we nevertheless had a good showing at our traditionally very sociable lunch break, which still left a couple of hours of daylight to suss out the rest of the venue and plan last-minute tactics.

On match day, although the afternoon saw the wind get up, the dry weather held out, and the river remained good and clear. As expected, the morning session saw the most fish, producing 130 grayling, and a close battle between



OVERALL RESULTS

1. Mike Heritage	(25 fish)	1304pts	AM
2. Harry Fox	(22)	1119	PM
3. Cameron Craigs	(26)	1289	AM
4. Lee Bartlett	(11)	571	PM
5. Robert Brown	(15)	769	AM
6. Andy Ford	(10)	493	PM
7. Tony Fox	(16)	765	AM
8. John Waters	(10)	486	PM
9. Christopher Lines	(10)	473	PM
10. Tony Baldwin	(12)	603	AM
11. Jay Curry	(7)	360	PM
12. Baz Reece	(10)	493	AM
13. Henryk Pycz	(7)	338	PM
14. Harry Green	(9)	449	AM
15. David Drake	(7)	325	PM
16. Kevin Blackwell	(6)	284	AM
17. Clive Collier	(5)	254	PM
18. Andrew Green	(4)	210	AM
19. Hector Rodriguez	(3)	169	AM
20. Andrew Smith	(2)	104	PM
21. Gavin Walsh	(3)	150	AM
22. Gilliaum Vermeulen	(2)	91	PM
23. Jim Dillon	(1)	47	AM



current National Rivers Champion Mike Heritage on 25 fish and Cameron Craigs on 26. A couple of 40cm fish, including a 44cm grayling, the best of the match, saw Mike take the session, and the overall 1st place, by just 15pts.

We might have expected the afternoon to produce significantly lower numbers, had it not been for a great performance by Harry Fox, who recorded 22 fish, ahead of Lee Bartlett on 11, to see them come 2nd and 4th overall respectively.

The SEFF would once again like to thank owner Lindsey Farmiloe and keeper Clayton Moorhouse for their hospitality and support on this exceptional venue.

