

Report from new member Eddie Wilkinson from Chester.

I have had an excellent first season on the Ilkley AA water, fishing approximately once in every ten days. My catch has been between 6 and 15 fish per session, although I have managed 20+ on one occasion. Best Brown was about 4lb and best Grayling about 1lb. I did speak to a few fishermen on the bank and swapped tales with them. My most successful fly patterns were a beaded PTN spider and a green Parra loop.

Fly dressings – Green Parraloop dry

Hook - (if you can get any) TMC 101 straight eye size 18

Tail - a few fibres from a honey or red cock cape

Body - polydub, colour to suit (I use pale green or grey mostly)

Hackle - genetic grizzle

Post - black tying thread

Beaded PTN spider (ish)

Hook - kamasan B175 size 14

Tail and body - pheasant tail

Rib - gold wire (fine)

Collar - black and gold UV straggle fritz

Hackle - black hen

Bead - white bead (brass or tungsten)

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