



CONFIDENCE-BOOSTER

Want to fill your boots on commercial carp waters? **Lee Collings** shows you how...

Targeting monster carp is hard work when you have a demanding work schedule and family life. Spending every minute of your valuable, limited time on tough waters is very rarely going to be productive or give you any chance of competing with the guys who are fishing three or four days a week.

I'm lucky to have caught some big fish in the past, and hopefully more will follow in the future, but over the last year or so I've increasingly found myself on more prolific venues – catching smaller fish and enjoying every minute of it.

There are tons of waters in the UK

that have been densely stocked with small carp that have grown on to a reasonable size. In fact, many match anglers now complain that they are too big. We have never had such a choice, but it still surprises me how many carp anglers ignore these prolific venues.

My confidence is at an all-time high, and I'm finding that when I do get the time to venture on to more challenging lakes I take a lot of that extra confidence with me.

The carp in well-stocked lakes are clearly hungrier than their cousins in richer environments, but outwitting them can be challenging at times, especially if you fail to be versatile. ➔

