

What's in a bait...?

Well one thing is for sure, you need some sort of bait to catch carp, but where do you start? Making your own bait (boilies) in times gone past was an activity that used to keep thousands of carp anglers amused in the close season. I remember one particular year in the early 1980s when with a couple of pals I embarked upon what seemed at the time a mountain of bait making, in reality it might have been 20kg of boilies in 14mm size.. Hand rolled, this took several evenings over a number of weeks with the three of us beaver-ing away like mad to make these cheese flavoured high protein baits.



Later escapades with making boiled bait gradually turned into a chore, plus the fact the flavours seems to get smellier by the year forcing bait making production out into damp sheds or cold garages. However, the gradual introduction of ready rolled freezer baits and shelf life versions saw the day of making bait at home dwindle, even though there's still a hardcore of bait gurus who insist in making there own nowadays.

In today's world of carping, time to go fishing is often an issue; consequently, most people cannot be bothered with making there own boilies anymore and neither can I. Excellent freshly ready rolled baits to either manufactures recommendations or the bait rolling companies own recipes have seen a huge upsurge in the last decade.

Kent Particles is a company I've come to trust in the last few years in both what they produce and the excellent quick service they provide not only for people like me (I pay for the bait by the way) but every-one. Whenever talking to Kent Particle's Alan Giles there always seems to be urgency in his voice and you know when his says your order is going out of the door the following day... it happens!

It's an old adage, the one about having confidence in the bait you use, but having that knowledge tucked away safely in a box in your head marked 'confidence' enables to you spend so much more time in finding the fish and putting a bait in the right spot in any given swim/lake/river. Of course Kent Particles are not just about rolled bait, they sell a huge range of other bait goodies - their pellet consumption is measured in tons, let alone the massive production of cooked particles. I've visited the company a numbers times over the last few years, and come winter or summer they always seem to be flat out!

Great baits, great service and delivered on time... 'nuff said.

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