

# CHUB CYFISH TRI-LITE

Will this new lightweight pram hood bivvy still be warm and waterproof on a wet and windy night? Only one way to find out...

The pram hood design of bivvy has been around for a few years and has proved massively popular with anglers, so it was only a matter of time before this style of shelter was taken to the next level. Chub has obviously looked long and hard at bivvies and come up with new materials and techniques to advance this old favourite.

The Cyfish Tri-Lite is a lightweight bivvy with all the advantages of a

traditional, more bulky and heavier set-up. This is because the three-pole system has been made from anodised aero grade aluminium, which reduces weight massively, and when the bivvy is dismantled it has a really small pack size.

Only time will show up any build faults, so it's just a matter of getting it out on the bank and seeing what this shelter has to offer.

With this in mind I decided to have a quick overnighter on my local lake, and as it

was wet and windy – ideal conditions to test a bivvy – I had to force myself to fish.

In its carrying sleeve it is compact, and weighs in at a slimline 4.2kg. I was surprised when I opened the sleeve because pegs, groundsheet, tension bars and a mozzie mesh front were all included inside.

With everything tipped on the floor and the light fading fast, I did exactly what every self-respecting man does – chucked away the instructions and went for it.

I clipped the trio of three-section poles together, then got the hooped shape by pulling the tension strap tight and clipping it in place. Next step was to simply peg the back of the bivvy down to hold it steady in the gusting wind and help establish the shape. Then it was a simple matter of adding the tension bars and pegging the front down. In the evening gloom the Cyfish still went up quickly.

I quickly chucked in the groundsheet and piled in my stuff as the rain got heavier, then I put out the rods. Only then did I sit in the porch to take stock of my surroundings. It was roomy, stable, and the peak over the door did its job admirably in stopping water dripping down on the groundsheet. By first light, after

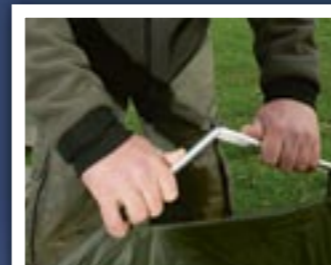
torrential rain and strong winds, everything was intact with no leaks. It had been a dry, comfortable and, above all, pleasant night. The breathable fabric kept rain out and condensation down.

At £370 it ain't cheap, but you get what you pay for. This is a specialist bit of kit and performs its job admirably. Couple that with the fact that you can get an Extreme Canopy for £169.99 to turn it in to a true all-season shelter, and it's a worthwhile proposition.

For more information visit [www.chubfishing.com](http://www.chubfishing.com)



Groundsheet, big front mozzie mesh panel, tension bars and pegs are all included in the package.



A spigot joint on one of the three aero-grade aluminium poles.

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## Solar Quick Change PVA Bag System

RRP £4.99

If you want to cast further with mesh-style PVA bags these ingenious clips from Solar can be used with any in-line lead to form a safe and tangle-free helicopter rig. It takes no time at all to set up one of these Quick Change systems from scratch and they can be used with any form of leader or tubing.

The clips offer several advantages over the normal way of attaching a mesh bag to the hook. One is that there is no chance of the PVA bag flying off on even the biggest casts with one of these clips. Another is that you will be left with no knot residue anywhere near your hookpoint.

Whether you use supple braid or stiff hooklinks, you can keep your rig straight on the cast just by nicking the hookpoint into the side of the bag. Easy!

Pellets, boilies or oily stick mixes can be used with this system, but maggots really are the business, especially with the mag-aligner rig.

You can buy Quick Change PVA bag clips in all Solar's Debris colours to match the lakebed you are fishing. You get eight clips, plus beads and rubber inserts, per pack.



You get clips, beads, shrink tubes and buffer beads.



Clipping the tension strap together. This puts the poles under pressure to give the bivvy its shape.

RRP £369.99

After a rough night, you can see how well the Tri-Lite did its job. Peace!

Well-stitched pegging points have a bungee for added tension.



The completed rig, all ready to cast out.