

Gilbert White adult winners

Ian Evans and the late **Pat Evans** are a husband and wife team who have been tireless exponents of and ambassadors for biological recording for many years. They have submitted 14,295 records to the Highland Biological Recording Group database in multiple taxonomic groups including butterflies & moths, mammals, fungi, lichens, dragonflies, vascular plants, annelids, molluscs, arachnids, fish, amphibians, reptiles, and many different insect groups.

Pat Evans co-authored the 'Flora of Leicestershire' and the 'Flora of Assynt', while Ian Evans held many committee positions of the Highland Biological Recording Group and was involved in the publication of 'Wildlife of Scourie' in 2006 and 'Wildlife of Rogart' in 2007.

The couple were instrumental in founding the Assynt Field Club in 1986, a local club devoted to natural history and biological recording, which is still thriving today.

Gilbert White (1720 – 1793) is remembered in these awards because his name is synonymous with biological recording. He was one of the first English naturalists to make careful observations of his surroundings and record these observations in a systematic way. He transformed the way we look at the natural world and is recognised as one of the fathers of ecology.