

### **Gilbert White youth – runner up**

**James Hammond** is just sixteen and has been hooked on Lepidoptera since the age of twelve. In that time he has amassed over two thousand records which have all been sent to the relevant vice-county moth recorder and has accumulated a garden moth list of 250. Despite his age, he also tackles micro-moths with relish and consequently has found eight micro firsts for Morayshire (vice-county 95), his home Vice County.

**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.