

## **John Sawyer NBN Open Data Award**

The National Biodiversity Network Secretariat has established a new Open Data Award which will be made annually to a member of the NBN who is making the greatest contribution to open biodiversity data in the UK. This award is named in memory of NBN CEO, John Sawyer

The Network has 160+ Data Partners and these organisations vary in their commitment to open data. Our national online database, the NBN Gateway (<http://data.nbn.org.uk>) has more than 112 million biological records and some of these data are shared openly, but many are not available at full resolution or are hidden from public view.

The John Sawyer NBN Open Data Award has been presented to **The Mammal Society** because of their commitment and dedication to sharing these valuable data wider as part of the NBN vision of collecting and sharing biological data openly to educate and inform.

The National Mammal Atlas Project dataset on the NBN Gateway currently has 43207 open records on the NBN Gateway, 38,546 are available at 100m resolution, the remainder are also fully available at 1km, 2km and 10km depending on the capture resolution.

In addition, as mammals are critically under-recorded in Great Britain a National Atlas, the first for over 20 years, is being compiled. Data for this project has been collected via an Indicia online recording form, via iRecord and also a Smartphone App. All the data have been verified by experts using the iRecord system.

The Mammal Society is a charity advocating science-led mammal conservation, leading efforts to collect and share information on mammals, encourage research to learn more about their ecology and distribution, and contribute meaningfully to efforts to conserve them.