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**British Traditional Molecatchers Register's**  
**Molecatcher of the Year Award**  
**Winner Announced**

The British Traditional Molecatchers Register has announced the winner of its prestigious award of BTMR "Traditional Molecatcher of the Year" for 2009. It goes to Ian Dando from Gloucestershire.

Ian won the closely contended award sponsored by Thatched Owners Group and British Traditional Molecatchers Register with a total of nearly 8.000 moles caught during the year ending 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

Upon hearing that he had won the award Ian (aged 49) said....

*"I learned to catch moles from my granddad 40+ years ago; he was a head keeper on a large Derbyshire estate. After joining our family accountancy practice I decided several years' later when my dad died that I wanted to continue traditional rural skills and do what I wanted to do. My mole work covers golf clubs, cricket and football grounds, schools, churches, farms, estates and private gardens, a real cross section which is what keeps the work interesting. It is all about people! I am delighted to have won the award."*

The British Traditional Molecatchers Register website ( [www.britishmolecatchers.co.uk](http://www.britishmolecatchers.co.uk) ) provides a simple and free way for anyone who has a problem with Moles to find a Molecatcher in their own area who uses Traditional methods. About 4000 people per month turn to the British Traditional Molecatchers

Register website for help with their mole problems. Started two years ago the Register is the UK's leading Traditional Molecatchers Organisation and runs Lantra accredited training courses on Molecatching every month for those who want to join this wonderful and skilled ancient profession.

Brian Alderton (Founder of British Traditional Molecatchers Register ) seen in the picture holding the trophy and the enormous bottle of Whiskey which are to be presented to Ian on 7<sup>th</sup> November at Eastleach Turville Gloucestershire said..

*"This is the first time we have presented this award and everyone at British Traditional Molecatchers Register are delighted that it goes to such a worthy winner and fine ambassador for this great profession."*

The Ladies award for BTMR "Lady Traditional Molecatcher of the Year" for 2009 goes to Ann Chippendale from Lancashire with a total of nearly 2500 moles caught in the year.

On hearing the news she said ...

"Mole catching has in recent years moved on from a part time, pastime of the retired, to a professional 7 days a week service which is essential to farmers. Like all service industries" she said "you need to be available at the times your customers require you".

For Ann this can mean working from dawn to sunset to clear fields of moles in time for crops to grow.

#### **Notes to editors**

1. More details and further pictures and information available from [webmaster@britishmolecatchers.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@britishmolecatchers.co.uk).
2. Details about Thatched Owners Group available [info@thatched-group.com](mailto:info@thatched-group.com)
3. Members of the Press will be very welcome at the award presentation on 7<sup>th</sup> November.
4. Articles on Molecatching and Moles in general available from British Traditional Molecatchers Register as required. Contact details on the website. [www.britishmolecatchers.co.uk](http://www.britishmolecatchers.co.uk)

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