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## **DUG Award 2010**

In memory of Andrew Tasker, a founder member of DUG

**“Professor Nigel Shadbolt, and Sir Tim Berners-Lee  
for [www.data.gov.uk](http://www.data.gov.uk)”**

**“DUG has been making the case for better access to government datasets – statistics, lists and maps – since its inception in 1998. The Guardian’s “Free Our Data” campaign added to the momentum, and Michael Cross received the DUG Award in 2006. The pressure continued to grow, but it was the appointment of Professor Nigel Shadbolt, and Sir Tim Berners-Lee to advise on data transparency that proved to be the catalyst for radical change, taking the form of the launch of [www.data.gov.uk](http://www.data.gov.uk) in January 2010. Members of DUG are delighted with the progress, which will inform society, increase the efficiency of service delivery, and fuel innovation.”**

*The Award – Charles Booth’s famous map of London – was presented on the day at the Royal Society. See photo overleaf...*

