

MANCHESTER AIRPORT

# COMMUNITY flyer

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL



## WELCOME

Hello and welcome to our Spring Community Flyer. Spring is a time of change – and here at Manchester Airport we recently marked one of our biggest changes for decades when we closed Terminal 1 and transitioned to a two-terminal airport.

Those of you who have fond memories of Terminal 1 and its iconic chandeliers will be pleased to know that this important part of our heritage will be incorporated into our award-winning new Terminal 2, when the re-imagined chandeliers are installed in the coming months.

I had the honour of ‘locking up’ Terminal 1 a few weeks ago – a huge milestone for the airport and an emotional day for our colleagues.

I always think spring is a great time to get outdoors and for many of the Manchester Airport team, that means volunteering in our

local communities. You can find out how we have supported local good causes in the past year through thousands of hours of volunteering on our [Local Voices](#) page.

‘New beginnings’ are another key theme of the season and for lots of people, that means a new career. On our [Opportunity for All](#) page, you can read about our recent Jobs Fair (where we connected almost 2000 people with airport employers) and our first ever Aviation Careers Festival, designed to inspire the next generation of aviation professionals.

On the [Protecting the Environment](#) page, find out about the discovery of a rare plant



growing right here at Manchester Airport!

Finally, please don’t forget to complete our Community Trust Survey [here](#). Your views help shape our community work – thank you for being part of it!

Here’s to rising temperatures and longer days – enjoy, and I look forward to updating you again in summer.

**CHRIS WOODROFFE**  
Managing Director

## PROGRESS IN DECARBONISING MANCHESTER’S VEHICLE FLEET

In MAG’s 2025 Sustainability Strategy, we set out two targets in relation to decarbonising our fleet. We have now met the first of these targets this year, which was to transition all of our diesel vehicles to biodiesel.

The biodiesel (HVO) is produced from waste vegetable oils and fats which undergo a hydrogen treatment to be turned into renewable fuel which reduces carbon emissions by up to 90% compared to fossil diesel. It also lowers particulate emissions and is biodegradable, making it safer for the environment than traditional diesel.

By 2030, we also have a target to transition our vehicles to 100% Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) where operationally feasible. We are expecting for the majority of these vehicles to be electric. We’re also making progress against this target. We transitioned 11 vehicles to electric this year, including our Apron Fitter Van (pictured). This means 27 of our vehicles are now ULEV. Alongside this, we’ve been introducing new charging infrastructure to support our electric fleet including new rapid chargers on the airfield.



We are committed to addressing the issues which matter most to people living near us



## RNP APPROACHES

Most aircraft arriving at Manchester Airport are normally guided onto the runway using the Instrument Landing System (ILS), which enables safe landings in all weather conditions with minimal visual reference.

However, the ILS cannot always be used due to essential maintenance or airfield activities such as grass cutting, which may obstruct the aerial equipment. To maintain safety and operational resilience, the airport relies on 'contingency approaches'.

Historically, these contingency procedures used one of 37 ground based navigational aids supplied by NATS En Route Ltd (NERL), all of which are scheduled for retirement. These older approaches also caused more community disturbance, as aircraft were offset further north and required earlier configuration, increasing noise levels.

To replace them, in 2023 the Future Airspace Team began developing Required Navigation Performance (RNP) approaches for our runways. RNP procedures use satellite navigation, offering significantly more precise directions and reduced noise impact whilst appearing identical to ILS approaches from the ground.

The Civil Aviation Authority required the proposed RNP approaches to be thoroughly tested (by flight simulator), using different aircraft types in varying temperatures and wind conditions. With support from TUI Airways, easyJet, NATS and Manchester Airports Group, these trials were successfully completed last summer. The CAA has now approved the new contingency RNP approaches, which will be introduced in August 2026. Further updates on reducing reliance on retiring ground based aids will follow later this year.



## VOLUNTEERING ROUND UP

Our year has been busy with over 900 of our Manchester based colleagues contributing around 11,000 hours of volunteering time to projects in our local area.

We were excited to reach our target – 100% of all Leaders within the business took time out to volunteer in our local communities.

### WAR ON LITTER

In February we commenced our annual 'War on Litter', tackling litter in areas surrounding the airport site, including Thorley Lane and Styal Road.

In conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy's Spring Cleaning campaign we collected 52 bags of litter during February and March. Litter is a potential hazard to the airfield, can be dangerous for wildlife and is an eyesore for local residents and guests so we're always keen to do what we can to keep our local area clean.



### THE BREAD AND BUTTER THING

One of our most popular charity partners is The Bread and Butter thing. From their warehouse in Trafford Park, this amazing charity distributes food parcels to vulnerable families across Greater Manchester.

77 of our colleagues have visited them in the last year to help out with warehouse



work, sorting veggies and preparing food parcels.

### NATIONAL TRUST ALDERLEY EDGE

Around 160 of our colleagues have got involved with woodland maintenance, path laying and weed bashing at the National Trust site in Alderley Edge.

### BOLLIN VALLEY

48 of our colleagues have worked with the Bollin Valley Partnership this year, creating paths, cutting back invasive species and even building steps!



### SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We actively promote school governor opportunities to our colleagues – our diverse workforce can help to contribute to a strong governing board for our local schools, as well as giving them experience that can be beneficial to their roles within the business. We currently have 35 sitting school governors and hope to increase this number in the next financial year.

### NEW PARTNERSHIPS

We've been excited to get involved with a number of new volunteering partnerships this year; from gardening at Maggie's Cancer Centre and sorting donations with Oxfam to painting Wythenshawe Children's Centre.



We are committed to creating quality employment and providing opportunities for all

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

At the beginning of March, we organised numerous activities to celebrate International Women's Day. Our Aerozone welcomed a group of students from Knutsford Academy giving them a real, hands on look at the variety of careers in aviation.

They spent the day in the Aerozone, trying out the simulator and STEM activities, and chatting with women from across the airport, including a pilot, operations and security colleagues. The students had loads of questions about training and career paths, and it was great to see them genuinely inspired.

Our Women's Network ran a 'Walk for Change' with 67 colleagues participating in a fundraising trek of 10 miles from the Airport

to 'Our Emmeline' statue in Manchester City Centre. We were also delighted to host a local choir Sing Space in Terminal 2 on Sunday 8th March. Both of these events raised nearly £3,000 for our local charity Smart Works GM – which helps women into employment.



## MANCHESTER AIRPORT'S FIRST AVIATION CAREERS FESTIVAL

Hundreds of local secondary school pupils and college students gathered at Manchester Airport's Runway Visitor Park for the airport's first-ever Aviation Careers Festival.

Held beneath the wings of Concorde, the event featured more than 40 interactive exhibits designed to spark curiosity and showcase the wide range of careers available within the aviation sector.

Students explored a 360-degree flight simulator, tried virtual aircraft marshalling, and experienced airport operations first-hand through demonstrations of vehicles including fire trucks and snow ploughs. An AI photobooth even allowed young people to "try on" virtual uniforms and take home a personalised photo.

Talks and panels ran throughout the day, including a Q&A session with an all-female panel of industry professionals from pilots to engineers, highlighting diverse pathways into aviation. The festival, part-funded by the Department for Transport's Reach for the Sky fund, aimed to open up new opportunities and inspire the next generation of aviation talent.



## INSPIRING FUTURE ENGINEERS

Engineering students from Trafford College enjoyed an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour, gaining valuable insight into the engineering operations that keep the airport running safely and efficiently.

Our hosts from easyJet and the Manchester Airport Engineering Team generously shared their time and expertise, helping to inspire and educate future engineers.



## RECORD NUMBERS ATTEND MANCHESTER AIRPORT JOBS FAIR

A record-breaking **1,900 jobseekers** attended Manchester Airport's latest jobs fair, where more than **500 vacancies** were promoted by over 25 employers across aviation services, retail, hospitality and logistics. Opportunities included roles in airport security, lounge hospitality, airside operations and ground handling.

The **Airport Academy**, run in partnership with Trafford & Stockport College Group, attended the event to promote its **free pre-employment support programmes**, offering fully accredited training for those on Jobseekers' Allowance who need additional support before applying. If you are interested in signing up to the programme please contact the academy via email: [airport.academy@tscg.ac.uk](mailto:airport.academy@tscg.ac.uk)

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We are committed to making air travel sustainable, safeguarding the environment and promoting resource efficiency.

## TOOTHWORT SEEN IN MAN FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1960s

Toothwort (*Lathraea squamaria*), a rare and completely parasitic plant, hadn't been spotted at Manchester Airport since 1965 – over half a century ago.

Beyond that, it now has only a single stronghold left in Cheshire. So, we were surprised and delighted to discover it growing at Manchester Airport this year. We're always pleased to celebrate the biodiversity of our surrounding landscape.



## COLLABORATING TO PROGRESS AVIATION DECARBONISATION

At MAG, we are committed to working with industry partners to decarbonise aviation. In March, the Sustainable Aviation coalition – which MAG currently Chairs – launched two key initiatives.

The first is an overview of non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from aviation, including nitrogen oxides, water vapour, particulates and contrail formation which contribute to aviation's climate impact. Sustainable Aviation's report sets out key principles to

accelerate research, trials and collaboration, advancing industry action to develop practical solutions to minimise the warming impacts of aviation's non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Additionally, Sustainable Aviation members – including MAG – launched an Advanced Market Signal, to invest more than £2 million in Greenhouse Gas Removals, recognising the role of carbon removal solutions in aviation's journey to net zero carbon.



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