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WELCOME

Happy New Year from Manchester Airport! We're Julie Walker and Helen McNabb Community Engagement Managers at Manchester Airport. Supporting our local communities is important to the Airport all year round, but in the run-up to Christmas we always try to make extra effort to spread some festive cheer. I hope yule (!) enjoy reading about some of the lovely activities the Airport Elves got up to in December. On behalf of the whole Manchester Airport team we would like to wish you all the best and hope that 2023 is a healthy and happy one for all our neighbours.



Helen McNabb

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Community Engagement Manager

HAPPY GIFTMAS!

We ran a Christmas Gifting Campaign around the airport, asking our colleagues and other businesses operating on site to donate to three different causes: Gifts, Foodbanks and Winter Warmers.

Despite tough times for everyone, our colleagues were generous as always and we were able to donate a full van-load of gifts to St Paul's High School in Wythenshawe, food donations to foodbanks, Safespots and The Welcome Cafe in Knutsford. Plus winter warm clothing and items to several community centres supporting Warm Space campaigns this winter. Volunteers from Manchester Airport teams helped to sort through it all – and our partners MashCo delivered everything for us as well as donating lots of items.





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

CHRIS' CHRISTMAS TREE

On 20th December 2022 our Managing Director, Chris Woodroffe, planted a Christmas Tree in the Manchester Airport Memorial Garden, as part of our commitment to plant a tree for every employee, linking in with the [Queen's Green Canopy project](#).



HE'S BEHIND YOU!

Every year Manchester Airport gifts around 2000 pantomime tickets to local schools, and this year we took it one step further by inviting local residents to join us for a Christmas Treat!

We gave out tickets in the Wythenshawe area during November. We also provided drinks and snacks, and Santa himself even dropped in on Saturday 3rd December to help us spread festive cheer, at the 'Santa's New Boots' pantomime at Wythenshawe Forum.



PRIESTNALL HIGH SCHOOL IN STOCKPORT ARE AIRPORT DRAGONS' DEN CHAMPIONS!

The Airport Community Network relaunched its popular 'Dragons' Den' enterprise competition for secondary schools this Autumn, challenging teams to design a gift they could sell in the run-up to Christmas to raise funds for local charities.

In October, teams of students pitched their business ideas to a panel of 'Dragons', hoping to secure an investment of £200 to get their business started. They then had two months to produce and sell as many gifts as possible, with profits going to one of six local charities. In December, the teams attended a grand final event at 'The Nest' at the Timpsons' head office in Wythenshawe to present their results to the Dragons. Prizes

were awarded for Best Presentation, Most Innovative Product and Best Eco-Credentials, with Priestnall High School being crowned overall winners by raising a staggering £7,800 for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital selling handmade Christmas tree ornaments featuring a tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II. James Timpson, CEO of one of our biggest local businesses, shared his top-tips for running a successful business including why it's so important to have a happy workforce. Local start-up 'Wiggles Pizza' provided a delicious lunch and also shared the story of how they turned their lockdown hobby into a business. In total £13,335 was raised for local charities.



MERRY AND BRIGHT!

St Catherine's Church in Heald Green received a fresh coat of paint from our CSR Team in November, and we were able to donate a new PA system for them to use at their bingo nights.

As part of our 'Winter Warmers' Campaign we were able to facilitate a delivery of warm clothing from Regatta to the Bideford Centre, tables to the Dandelion Centre in Wythenshawe and contribute items for the Woodhouse Park Family Centre Christmas Party, including a brand new scooter as a raffle prize!

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