

MANCHESTER AIRPORT

COMMUNITY flyer

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE
FUTURE FOR ALL



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the Summer Community Flyer. We're moving through an exceptionally busy period for the airport as a dozen new routes are launching this summer – from a coastal resort in Italy and an architectural gem in Greece to the largest city in the north of Pakistan.

This May saw a record-breaking 2.9m passengers passing through in the month. This was partly driven by football fans – including Aston Villa supporters causing a spike in journeys to Istanbul.

While our operational teams have been busy guiding our passengers through the airport, our Sustainability teams have been busy with summer outreach, community funding, supporting skills development and protecting our local environment and you

can read more about our initiatives over the next few pages.

Manchester Airport's significance to the city and the wider region goes beyond its status as a global transport hub – it also serves our community and the local economy by creating thousands of jobs and by giving local people the opportunity to access unique, exciting and rewarding careers – a responsibility we take very seriously!

Finally, a massive thank you to those who

completed our recent community survey. We're always keen to understand how we can positively impact our local communities, and having your feedback helps to shape our programme for years to come

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CHRIS WOODROOFE
Managing Director

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

National Policy encourages UK airports to prepare master plans that set out how an airport intends to grow and develop, and our Sustainable Development Plan is our master plan for the next 15-20 years and we are looking to launch our new plan in summer 2026.

This will replace the last SDP, which was published in 2016 and it is based on a similar 'portfolio approach'. It will set out the strategic context and approach for the develop of Manchester Airport to capitalise on the opportunities for aviation growth whilst operating a responsible and community focussed business. Consultation on the plan will be coming soon, and you can read the previous SDP on our approach to Economy; Land Use; Surface Access; Environment; and Community [here](#).

SUMMARY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016





Finalised results for the full set of survey questions will be published shortly on our [website here](#). Thank you to those that responded, your views will help shape our community work.

interested parties at our programme of summer outreach. Did you catch up with us at one of these events?



MAG Sustainability Strategy 2025



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

LOCAL
VOICES



MODERNISING OUR SKIES

In the coming years, the nation-wide airspace modernisation programme will deliver quicker, quieter and cleaner flights into and out of Manchester Airport, using satellite-based navigation.

This will likely require changes to our flightpaths – so we will be conducting a full-scale public consultation to allow local communities to have their say about our proposals. We will let you know when the consultation will take place, as soon as we can. You can sign up for further updates [here](#).

In the meantime, our air traffic control partner (NERL), will soon remove from service three ground-based navigational aids which aircraft departing from, and arriving into Manchester Airport depend upon. Short-term solutions are needed to enable aircraft to arrive and depart along our long-established flightpaths, until airspace modernisation is delivered.

This is why, from Thursday 6th August, navigation for departing aircraft will switch to the Global Navigation Satellite System – this will have no effect on where aircraft fly, but it is a significant first step in modernising our skies. On the same date, we will also implement new contingency 'RNP approaches' for arriving aircraft, when an Instrument Landing System is not available (for example, due to essential maintenance). These new RNP approaches follow the same line as those using the ILS, meaning communities will no longer be disturbed by aircraft being offset to the north when the ILS is out of action.

Together, these changes will deliver a far more resilient operation for the benefit of our customers and our neighbouring communities. If you are interested in further updates about our Future Airspace project, contact futureairspace@manairport.co.uk to be added to the mailing list.



MANCHESTER AIRPORT COMMUNITY TRUST FUND PLEDGES £30K TO LOCAL CAUSES

INCLUDING SPORTS CLUBS, ANIMAL THERAPY CHARITY AND AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

More than £30,000 has been pledged by Manchester Airport's Community Trust Fund at its latest quarterly meeting.

Among them was the **South Manchester Archaeological Research Team (SMART)**, based in **Cheadle**. The group carries out small scale archaeological digs in the South Manchester area and invites hobbyists to sign up as members and take part. It received £992.00 to purchase new equipment, which will be used on a

dig planned later this year at the site of a medieval mill in Higher Mill Wood in Cheadle.

Janice Adams, a volunteer with the group, said: "This funding will ensure that we have the resources we need to continue to investigate sites of interest in our local area and will mean that many more people will have the opportunity to participate in our digs and to observe archaeology in action."



We are delighted that we have been granted funding from the Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund to purchase additional equipment for use in our excavations.

Janice Adams – SMART





OPPORTUNITY
FOR ALL



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

CHAMPIONING YOUNG TALENT AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

This June we hosted a reception at the House of Commons, bringing together MPs and senior representatives from the Department for Transport, Department for Education, Department for Work and Pensions and HM Treasury, alongside partners from education and industry.

The event highlighted EMA's parent company, MAG's support for the Government's drive to expand business-led skills programmes to reduce the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). Against the backdrop of the Milburn Review, which identified nearly one million young people

as NEET, discussions also focused on the need for stronger collaboration, long-term investment and clear pathways into work.

Over the past five years, across our three airports (EMA, Manchester and Stansted) MAG has supported more than 52,000 local people, including over 350 NEET young people in the last year alone, with around half progressing into employment.

Attendees also heard directly from former students and East Midlands Airport's Academy learners, who shared how the programmes helped them build skills, confidence and paid roles at the airport.



AWARDS HATTRICK AT THE PARTNERSHIPS IN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

We are celebrating a major achievement after being named **Overall Partner of the Year at the Trafford & Stockport College Group Partnerships in Excellence Awards.**

The award recognises our 14-year partnership supporting skills, employment and apprenticeships through the Airport Academy, our apprenticeship programmes and more recently the Manchester Airport Skills Hub.

The evening also saw individual success, with Airfield Operations apprentice Adam Doyle winning Workplace Rising Star and Engineering apprentice Kyle Row winning

STEM Learner of the Year.

These achievements highlight the strength of collaboration in creating pathways into meaningful aviation careers.



AeroZone

FUTURE FLYERS: KIDS GET A TASTE OF AIRPORT LIFE

During the Easter holidays, 60 children enjoyed a behind-the-scenes look at airport life, discovering where their relatives work.

Their day began in AeroZone, exploring a variety of job roles, followed by an exciting airfield tour and a visit to the Air Traffic Control Tower. In the afternoon, they stepped into the boots of airport firefighters, sitting in fire appliances under blue lights, deploying water hoses, and searching in simulated heat and smoke.

The experience gave them a hands-on introduction to the world of aviation and emergency response, while also allowing our colleagues to share our passion for the industry. It was a day full of inspiration, excitement, and future possibilities.



I am delighted to have the support of Manchester Airports Group, which is providing real opportunities for hundreds of young people with a genuine pathway into rewarding careers.

Dame Diana Johnson MP
Minister for Employment

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

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

We always like to celebrate **Earth Day** on 22nd April by getting outside and doing our bit to improve the environment around our airport.

Earth Day is all about raising awareness and promoting actions which safeguard our planet. This year our group of intrepid litter pickers headed along Thorley Lane, through Painswick Park and out into Wythenshawe, collecting 10 full bags of rubbish. We continue our summer programme of litter picks, taking volunteers out to various spots around the airport site on a monthly basis.



NATURE BASED VOLUNTEERING – OUR ENVIRONMENT TEAM HEAD TO THE NATIONAL TRUST AT ALDERLEY EDGE

Manchester Airport's Environment and Energy teams spent a day at the Alderley Edge and Cheshire Countryside National Trust site.

Following on from work carried out in the previous years, the teams were hard at work constructing woodland paths for visitors,

using sustainable materials sourced from the woodland itself.

By the end of the day, the teams and other volunteers had constructed a path leading down a woodland slope, allowing more people to enjoy the beautiful area!



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