AUTUMN 2026

STANSTED AIRPORT

COMMUNITY flyer

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL



WELCOME

August has been an incredible month for London Stansted, with more than 3.27 million passengers travelling through our airport and every single day seeing more than 100,000 people pass through our terminal.

Breaking our record for the busiest ever month, alongside our busiest ever day and a new record for departing flights, shows just how strong demand for travel has been this summer at the airport.

Across the summer months of June, July and August we welcomed more than 9.2 million passengers, making this our busiest summer ever, which is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the hard work of our colleagues and the close collaboration with our airline and airport partners.

Meanwhile, our colleagues continued to keep things moving behind the scenes, attending outreach events, volunteering and distributing funds to the local community. Our education teams continue their focus on inspiring and training the next generation of aviation professionals and our environment teams have been busy launching our new conservation strategy – looking at how we take care of nature in and around our airport.

As we now move into the autumn, we'll continue to ramp up our work to transform the airport while maintaining a sharp focus on delivering the best possible experience for the millions of passengers who choose to fly from London Stansted.

GARETH POWELL
Managing Director

SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY REPORT

Over the past year, our airport has continued to make good progress in delivering its sustainability strategy, Creating a Sustainable Future for All.

At its heart, the strategy is about reducing our environmental impact while helping communities around our airports to thrive.

Since 2019/20, we've reduced our emissions by 26%, completed the construction of London Stansted Airport's landmark solar farm, and continued to support the aviation industry's journey towards net zero.

We've also continued to make a positive difference in the communities we serve. More than 9,383 young people have taken part in education initiatives, while over 3,523 jobseekers have been supported with training and employment opportunities.

This year we hosted our inaugural Aviation Careers Festival, the first of its kind in the UK, where more than 500 students and 20 employers attended to inspire students looking to take their first steps into the aviation industry.

Through our Community Fund, we've invested more than £243,903 in 80 local projects, helping community groups deliver real benefits in the areas around our airports. Our colleagues have also given their time and skills through volunteering, supporting a wide range of local causes.

This year, we've strengthened our focus on nature too, launching our Nature Conservation Strategy and continuing work to protect and enhance biodiversity across our airport sites leading us to sign up to Essex Wildlife Trust's Gold Standard Wildlife Scheme.

While we're proud of what has been achieved so far, we know there's more to do. By continuing to work closely with our communities, industry partners and stakeholders, we're committed to building a more sustainable future for aviation and creating lasting benefits for the regions we serve.

We're proud of the progress we've made, but we know sustainability is a long-term journey. By working together with our communities, partners and colleagues, we'll continue to play our part in creating a more sustainable future for aviation and delivering positive impact where it's needed most. View the Sustainability Strategy Report here.



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

ROARING SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL HOSPICE

Across the summer we have supported St Clares Hospice 'Lions on the Loose' art trail, our first commitment was to sponsor one of the trails lions, ours was called Universal and painted by artist Darren Gourley from Customised Unique. Darren's described his piece as Animals are an essential part of our world, and our relationship with them is fundamental to the planet's future. This design explores the idea of connection and shared potential, encouraging us to think beyond ourselves and consider what we can achieve when we work together. We were so behind this vision, Universal stood proudly in Loughton across the summer.

We also supported the trail by inviting the team to launch the trail in the Domestic Arrivals building where some creative filming took place, including the arrival of the lions. Another way we got involved was by creating a mini Lions on the Loose trail in the IDL for families to get involved before they depart from the airport.

All the lions were auctioned and raised over £142,000 for the hospice, we loved being involved in such a great project.



AIRPORT STAFF GIVE BACK TO LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH AUGUST VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMME

Our colleagues took part in a series of volunteering days throughout August, supporting local schools and community organisations by helping to improve facilities and outdoor spaces.

Teams from across London Stansted rolled up their sleeves to tackle a range of projects, from redecorating classrooms and school facilities to maintaining gardens and carrying out practical improvement work.

One group of volunteers from the airport's Health & Safety and Fire Safety teams spent a day at Roseacres Primary School in Takeley.

Despite temperatures reaching 36°C, volunteers painted three classrooms, toilet facilities, a corridor and the school lobby, helping to refresh key areas used by pupils and staff.



OVER £65,000 AWARDED IN THE LATEST ROUNDS OF GRANTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY FUND

A total of 21 projects across Uttlesford, East Herts, Epping Forest and Harlow secured funding, supporting everything from village improvements to youth projects and community wellbeing.

From apple orchards to scout huts, the funding will help improve local facilities and bring people together in communities close to the airport.

Projects receiving cash include:

- A £3,000 revamp and extension of a community orchard in Stebbing
- £4,800 for solar panels and upgrades for Silver Leys Scout Group
- £3,330 for a new bistro trailer at Birchwood High School
- £4,500 for accessible fitness equipment in Epping Forest
- £5,000 for a new tractor at the Gibberd Garden in Harlow
- £1,500 for equipment for the Female Founders Community CIC gift shop

Smaller projects have also received support, including therapy equipment, village hall improvements and upgrades for local community groups.

In total, £65,320 has been awarded in this round, helping groups keep vital projects going and improve facilities for local residents.

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

STANSTED COLLEGE

AIRPORT COLLEGE EXPANSION BACKED BY £5M INVESTMENT

Our plans to more than double the number of students at Stansted Airport College have received a major boost after Essex County Council confirmed a £5 million contribution towards the scheme.

Councillor Peter Harris, Leader of Essex County Council, joined senior colleagues on a visit to London Stansted to discuss the proposed expansion and see first-hand how the specialist college is helping develop the aviation workforce of the future. The visit provided an opportunity to discuss the next phase of development at the aviation, engineering and STEM college, which opened on the airport campus in 2018 and has become one of the UK's leading centres for aviation skills training. Earlier this month, Harlow College and London Stansted submitted a planning application for the proposed expansion. If approved, student numbers would increase from 568 to around 1,350, creating opportunities for hundreds more young people to train for careers in aviation and related industries.

AWARD-WINNING AVIATION TRAINING

Stansted Airport College celebrated national success after winning the Aviation Professional Training Award at the Aviation Industry Awards UK 2026, recognising its outstanding contribution to developing future talent for the aviation sector.



STANSTED AEROZONE

CELEBRATING THIRTY THOUSAND YOUNG VISITORS

The Aerozone recently celebrated a significant milestone, welcoming its 30,000th visitor since opening in 2015. The achievement reflects the programme's continued commitment to inspiring young people through interactive learning experiences, careers education and insights into the world of aviation.

To mark the occasion, the Aerozone welcomed The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, Member of Parliament for Witham, alongside students from Lift New Rickstones Academy. During the visit, students took part in a range of aviation-themed activities while learning more about the diverse careers available across the airport. The event provided an opportunity to recognise the positive impact the Aerozone continues to have on young people across the region by helping to broaden horizons, raise aspirations and connect classroom learning with future career opportunities.



STANSTED AIRPORT ACADEMY INSPIRES CONFIDENCE AND CAREER AMBITIONS

This summer, Stansted Airport Academy launched a new Mentoring Circle initiative in partnership with Department for Work and Pensions designed to support young people who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) as they take their next steps towards employment.

Two events have now been delivered at Harlow Jobcentre Plus, supporting a total of twenty-six young people. The sessions combined confidence-building activities, careers guidance, CV support, and interview preparation in a relaxed, inspiring and encouraging environment.

Participants explored their strengths, developed employability skills and discovered the wide range of career opportunities available at Stansted Airport. By the end of the sessions, many reported increased confidence, a clearer understanding of the recruitment process and greater motivation to pursue their employment goals, showing the positive impact of this scheme.



EDUCATION

Chelmsford Careers Festival

At Chelmsford Skills Festival on 25th June, our team inspired 1,500 Year 8 students by showcasing the diverse careers that keep London Stansted Airport running.

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

STANSTED SOLAR FARM IS LIVE!

A fantastic example of environmental sustainability in practice: our 12.8MW solar farm is now live!

More than 24,000 solar panels, generating renewable power directly on-site. Over a year, the solar farm is expected to generate as much power as would be consumed by 7,000 typical homes, with peak production – on the sunniest days – designed to meet the airport's peak demand. As part of the project we've also delivered a range of nature and biodiversity initiatives, totalling 160% biodiversity net gain.

The solar farm is a key part of our group sustainability strategy 'Creating a sustainable future for all', helping progress towards our net zero and renewable energy targets.



INTRODUCING OUR NATURE CONSERVATION STRATEGY

Last year, we launched our Sustainability Strategy: Creating a sustainable future for all, setting out how we'll protect our environment and support our communities over the next five years.

As part of that Sustainability Strategy, we committed to developing a Nature Conservation Strategy and we are now delivering on that commitment with a brand-new one focused on how we protect and enhance nature across our airports and beyond. Sitting under the 'Protecting our Environment' pillar of our Sustainability Strategy, the Conservation Strategy brings our work together into a clear, joined-up approach about how we manage land, support biodiversity and work with partners to create lasting impact.

OUR APPROACH

The strategy sets out how we'll embed nature into the way we plan and make decisions every day across the business, from developments and operations to supply chain and partnerships.

It's built around five priority areas:

- Empowering people for nature
- Integrating nature-positive principles into projects, operations and supply chains
- Protecting biodiversity and habitats
- Collaborating with communities and stakeholders
- Delivering transparent governance and reporting

Together, these provide a clear direction for how we'll continue to build on how we care for nature across MAG.

BUILDING ON WHAT WE ALREADY DO

Protecting and enhancing nature isn't new for MAG. From managing habitats around our airports to working with local partners on conservation projects, this has been part of how we operate for decades. This strategy builds on that foundation and aligns our efforts more clearly to our wider sustainability commitments. Read the Nature Conservation Strategy to find out more.





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