

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

COMMUNITY flyer

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the Spring 2026 issue of the EMA Community Flyer. We look forward to another busy summer, as the Ryanair summer schedule is launched with 33 routes and six based aircraft, along with extra frequencies on nine of our most popular routes including Alicante, Malta and Rhodes. We are also excited to welcome the new Loganair route to Jersey.

Last year saw significant growth for our cargo operations with SF Express, China's largest integrated logistics service operator, being one of seven new cargo carriers launching operations from EMA since last May.

We have seen an annual increase of 12% in cargo tonnes carried while also seeing a drop of 7% in air transport movements, meaning that our cargo growth is not happening at the expense of local communities. This is a trend we expect to continue as operators invest in modernising their fleets and increasingly focus on long

haul global services from East Midlands. You can read more about this in our news article [here](#).

I'm also excited to share the launch of our new Community Noise Portal – Insightful and you can read more about this helpful tool in our news article [here](#).

As always, we welcome your views. You can find out when we are out and about in your area at our community outreach sessions [here](#). Our Community Survey is also now open, and we'd encourage everyone to take the time to click the link in the article below and tell us what you think.

You can also contact us at community@eastmidlandsairport.com and sign up to receive the Community Flyer by scanning the QR code.

STEVE GRIFFITHS
Managing Director



YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS SHAPE OUR WORK – HAVE YOUR SAY

At EMA we run a Community Survey every other year to understand what members of our local community think about the work we are doing and to help shape what we do next.

Our last survey took place in 2024 and received 163 responses from our local stakeholders. The feedback we received has shaped our work and helped us focus on the activities that matter most to you.

Since then, we've been busy putting your comments into action, including continuing to invest in our Community Fund, growing

our volunteering programme, and delivering actions in our Noise Action Plan including a review of based airline training flight procedures. Hearing directly from local residents is incredibly helpful, and we'd love to know how you think we're doing this year.

Please take a few minutes to fill in our new survey here – [EMA Community Survey](#), or scan the QR code Your views help shape our community work, thank you for being a part of it!



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

LOCAL VOICES



YOUTH SUMMIT SHINES LIGHT ON YOUNG VOICES

We were proud to once again host the UK's only Airport Youth Summit this March, where 75 young people from across the East Midlands, Manchester and Stansted regions took part in discussions which will help shape our plans.

This was the third year that all three Airport Youth Forums convened for the Summit event, under the theme 'Growing into the Future.' Sessions included equity, diversity and inclusion, our Sustainability Strategy as well as plans and opportunities outside the UK.

EMA Operations Director Lauren Turner who was recently appointed by the Department for Transport as an Aviation Ambassador to promote the sector to the younger generation and under-represented groups, spoke at the event. She said: "As an Aviation Ambassador, I'm keen to use every opportunity to raise awareness of the many careers paths available to suit every skill set and use my own experiences to inspire young people, especially young women, to consider roles in aviation. Our Youth Summit is a great place to do that, as well as hearing from young people about how they would like to see the sector develop in the future."

Feedback from the summit attendees include: "It's allowed me to share and discuss my views on the future of aviation while also increasing my awareness of what's going on behind the scenes;" "It has given me perspective of what can be done to improve my future career and the way we look after the environment."



VOLUNTEERS SPRING INTO ACTION

Swarkestone Sailing Club provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to enjoy sailing through Sailability sessions throughout the year, allowing participants to sail with the help of volunteers and adapted equipment.

Sailability sailors get to enjoy the outdoors, feel both the peace and exhilaration of getting out onto the water, get active, learn new skills and build confidence.

In March, ten airport colleagues joined a spring-cleaning session with regular

Sailability club volunteers ahead of the new sailing season. Activities included jet-washing and handwashing around a dozen of the small boats and four larger boats used by the disabled sailors as well as jet-washing steps, pontoons, ramps and walkways. Volunteers also mowed the lawns, sorted out waste items into skips and helped organise the storage unit.

Thank you all, this is a great start to our sailing season, and your continued support and hard work is really appreciated.

Gary Flint, sailor at the Wednesday Sailability sessions



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OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



LIGHTING THE SPARK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

This March saw the first ever EMA Aviation Careers Festival, welcoming over 500 local secondary school and college students to the Aeropark outdoor aviation museum. Students heard inspiring talks by aviation professionals including EMA Operations Director, Lauren Turner, who opened the event.

The event featured 25 interactive exhibits, including flight simulators, airport vehicle and firefighting demos, a Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) activity, an AI uniform photo booth, and hands-on career tasters from airport security to car parking using remote controlled cars.

Exhibitors included airlines like Jet2.com and Ryanair, as well as Airport Police, the Civil Aviation Authority, HMSHost and Border Force. Nottingham College and the Air & Space Institute at Newark College also showcased aviation pathways, supported by the airport's Early Talent team. The Aeropark's permanent aircraft exhibits were also available to the students to explore, including the Vulcan and the Nimrod.

Part-funded by the Department for Transport, the festival aimed to open doors to aviation careers and spark future talent.

It was fantastic to see young people so engaged with the huge range of career options. Hopefully we've lit the spark for some aviation professionals of the future.

Marcella M'Rabety,
MAG Head of Social Sustainability



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WOMEN IN AVIATION TAKE CENTRE STAGE

To celebrate International Women's Day this March, the Aerozone welcomed twelve Year 8 students from The Castle Rock School in Coalville, who got hands-on with interactive Aerozone activities, explored the airport, and watched an exciting demonstration led by one of our female airport firefighters.

Students took part in a "Guess Who?" careers activity, matching job profile cards with real-life women who work across the airport in many diverse roles. Students had the opportunity hear the career stories of these inspiring women and ask questions about the paths that led them here.



Students used words like 'inspired, empowered, fun, useful, educational' to sum up their feelings about the day. A perfect outcome for an event designed to broaden horizons and show young people – especially girls – that aviation is full of opportunities waiting for them.

PREM SHARES WORDS OF WISDOM WITH ASPIRING AVIATION STUDENTS

As part of a lively speed-networking session at the Aerozone, Level 2 students from Loughborough College were treated to an inspiring discussion with former Loughborough College student Prem Sharma, who now works at EMA as a Customer Services Support Agent.

Prem shared his journey from college to the airport, offering honest advice and encouragement for those hoping to enter the aviation industry.



We recently hosted 40 students who are studying International Logistics and Transportation at the University of Nottingham's Business School, bringing their academic learning to life and giving them first-hand insight into how a major logistics operation functions in a real-world environment.

The session highlighted the wide range of employment opportunities available – not only within the airport itself, but across the wider logistics industry – including roles in operations, planning, engineering and data analysis.

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To contact us email community@eastmidlandsairport.com

FIND OUT MORE





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

BIODIVERSITY SURVEYS

We have recently completed a site-wide biodiversity survey of all land we own. The survey assesses every habitat at the airport, classifying its type, condition, and noting any special features like rare or protected species.

This allows us to identify high-value ecological areas to focus our efforts to protect nature on, and opportunity areas where we can improve. It also gives us a robust baseline against which to mark our sustainability journey, one which we can then compare with later assessments to track our progress. Already this has shown us uncommon habitat types which can help support a much wider network of ecological recovery, not just on our land. By working with local partners, we can link up efforts to ensure that we're protecting and enhancing the wider environment. The survey forms part of our soon-to-be published Conservation Strategy, which outlines key commitments MAG will adhere to, ensuring robust protection and enhancement of the environment through all aspects of our business.



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 a report, authored by MAG and exploring non-CO₂ emissions from aviation, including nitrogen oxides, water vapour, particulates and contrail formations which contribute to aviation's climate impact. Sustainable Aviation's report sets out key principles to accelerate research, trials and

collaboration, advancing advance industry action to develop practical solutions to minimise the warming impacts of aviation's non-CO₂ emissions.

Additionally, under MAG's leadership, 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.



You can contact our Community Engagement team at community@eastmidlandsairport.com or have a chat face-to-face at one of our [community outreach events](#). You can find our quarterly newsletters and sign up to receive them [here](#)

Find out more about the EMA Community Fund and our [Community Sponsorship Fund](#).

Find out more about our Sound Insulation Grant Scheme and Vortex protection scheme – [Supporting our Community](#)

Find out more about our education programmes, Aerozone education centre and the EMA Employment Academy here – [EMA Employment, Skills and Education](#). For more information about free courses and on-site vacancies email MAG.Academies@magairports.com

Find out more about how we manage the impact of aircraft noise here – [Living Near the Airport and Managing Noise](#).

You can also report a noise disturbance [here](#)

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