

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

COMMUNITY *flyer*

WORKING TOGETHER
FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the autumn edition of the EMA Community Flyer. As we near the end of another busy summer season it's great to be able to reflect on what we've achieved. This summer TUI added several new destinations and it's fantastic that we can also now offer daily flights to the popular destination of Belfast with Aer Lingus.

And on the freight side of our operation, we've seen volumes up by 19% year on year, driven in part by the arrival of four new freight operators running routes between China and the UK.

We're excited to look ahead to next summer, with new airline SunExpress operating from EMA for the first time along with new Jet2 routes already on sale.

We have recently finished consulting on our updated draft [2025 Sustainable Development Plan](#) which sets out what our aspirations are for the future of East Midlands Airport. We are very grateful to all who took the time to look at our

plans and to send us comments.

We expect to publish our final Sustainable Development Plan in the Autumn, and reviews of progress will be reported to the Airport's Consultative Committee.

We work hard to keep the lines of communication between ourselves and our local communities open. Don't forget that if you would like to attend a meeting of the East Midlands Airport Consultative Committee (EMACC), or have a question or an item that you'd like to see addressed on the agenda, you can contact EMACC's Independent Chair, or your local representative – find out more on our website [here](#).



As always, we welcome your views. You can contact us at community@eastmidlandsairport.com and sign up to receive the Community Flyer by scanning the QR code.

STEVE GRIFFITHS
Managing Director



SECURE YOUR PLACE ON THE AIRPORT YOUTH FORUM FOR THIS YEAR'S EXCITING NEW PROGRAMME

We are excited to announce that the 2025-2026 programme for the East Midlands Airport Youth Forum is now live and you can find details on our website [here](#) Youth Forum | East Midlands Airport!

We wish to engage with a wide range of young people to help us shape our business, including considering the impact of our operations on climate, nature and people.

This year there are four planned sessions starting in November 2025, themed around 'MAG – Growing into the Future'

and culminating in our third MAG Youth Summit in March 2026, which will bring together young people from across the East Midlands, Manchester and Stansted areas.

The opportunity to become a member of the Airport Youth Forum is open to young people aged between 17-25 who are either in an apprenticeship, or attending a local Sixth Form, College or University. For more information or to apply to become a member of the EMA Youth Forum you can email community@eastmidlandsairport.com



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

LOCAL
VOICES



DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY EVENT THRILLS CROWDS

A family fun weekend to mark East Midlands Airport's 60th anniversary attracted thousands of people to East Midlands Aeropark over a July weekend.

Despite some substantial downpours of rain, plenty of families turned out to enjoy the attractions at the East Midlands Aeropark, which include a large number of heritage aircraft.

The event was officially opened by North West Leicestershire MP Amanda Hack from the front of a former cargo plane on the Saturday. Bouncy castles and community stalls kept kids entertained, along with appearances from the airport's fire service and other attractions.

The appearance of the Red Arrows – delayed due to weather issues – was the main event for many, as the world-famous aviation team left red, white and blue smoke trails in the skies above the airport on the Sunday evening.

All proceeds from the event went to support the Aeropark Volunteers Association, which is the charitable body in charge of running and operating the Aeropark. A huge thank you both to the Aeropark volunteers as well as over 40 airport colleague volunteers, who put in more than 500 hours of volunteer time to make this incredible event happen!



NEW SIGNS POINT THE WAY TO UPGRADED AIRPORT TRAIL

To commemorate the airport's 60th year, the EMA Community Fund provided £60,000 to upgrade the Airport Trail. The funds supported renewed wayfinding and information boards as well as improvements to footpath surfaces and the planned reinstatement of a stretch of hedgerow due to be planted in November.

The Airport Trail is ten kilometres long with picnic grounds to the north-east. It provides access to country walks for local communities and vantage points both for nature lovers and aviation enthusiasts.

A series of nine new information boards have been installed at key points around the trail, providing details about local history, wildlife in the area and other points of interest. Members of the Kegworth Heritage Centre, Castle Donington Museum

and Diseworth Heritage Centre provided valuable information which was included on key information boards. Information boards for the five works of art on the trail have also had a refresh and one of the art installations, called Stepping Stones, has been relocated from the north to a new location south of the airport near the central ponds.

New gateway signs have also been installed at entry points to the trail. These were designed and created by students from Derby-based alternative education provider Engineered Learning, with precision metal cutting spelling out 'Airport Trail' alongside an image of a tree. Engineered Learning provides opportunities for vulnerable young people to learn engineering skills in order to increase their employability.

Read the updated Airport Trail Guide [here](#).





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and providing opportunities for all

INSPIRING FUTURES: CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE STUDENTS EXPLORE AVIATION CAREERS

In early July, we were delighted to welcome six enthusiastic Year 10 students from Castle Donington College for a week-long work experience programme.

The placements offered a unique opportunity for the students to explore the diverse world of aviation and airport operations, spending time across 12 departments including Airfield Operations, the Flight Evaluation Unit, Health & Safety, and Air Traffic Control.

Throughout the week, the students engaged with professionals across the business, gaining insights into the wide range of roles that keep an airport running smoothly. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting how the experience had 'improved their people skills' and 'made them think of different options for post-16 education and careers.'

We're proud to support young people in exploring career pathways and developing key workplace skills. A huge thank you to all the departments and colleagues who contributed to making this experience so valuable.



AVIATION FIRST: CAREERS FESTIVAL SET TO LAND AT EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

We're excited to launch our inaugural Aviation Careers Festival at East Midlands Airport – an inspiring event for local schools and colleges to explore the world of work through interactive activities, workshops, guest speakers, and hands-on experiences.

Students will discover a wide range of careers in aviation, STEM, hospitality, retail, and more, while connecting directly with employers based at the airport.

Whether your learners are planning their next steps or simply curious about future opportunities, this event promises to be engaging, educational, and fun.

Register your school or college's interest [here](#) or scan the QR code opposite today and help your students' futures take off!



DWP VISIT TO EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT: CONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO CAREERS

East Midlands Airport recently hosted colleagues from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) for a tour, highlighting the wide range of careers available and the impact of the Airport Academy.

The Academy offers free training to jobseekers, helping them gain skills and secure employment across the airport.

DWP representatives explored how the Academy builds confidence, provides qualifications, and prepares candidates for interviews. The visit aimed to strengthen collaboration and ensure DWP teams feel confident promoting airport roles and referring people to the Academy.

If you're looking for work, the East Midlands Airport Academy could be your next step, visit [here](#).



BACK TO SCHOOL – BACK TO AEROZONE

We're delighted to welcome local schools back to Aerozone, our on-site education centre at East Midlands Airport!

After a summer update, Aerozone is ready to inspire the next generation of aviation professionals. We're looking forward to hosting over 60 schools and colleges from across the region for fun, interactive sessions that bring the world of aviation to life.

For more information visit www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community
To contact us email community@eastmidlandsairport.com

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

VOLUNTEERING IN NATURE

This September nine colleagues from the airport volunteered to support East Midlands Railway (EMR) and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust on a project to improve biodiversity at East Midlands Parkway station, transforming the site's surrounding green space into a thriving refuge for wildlife.

The project will introduce new habitats across the site, including hibernacula, log piles and rock trenches for reptiles and amphibians; nest boxes to support declining bird species such as whitethroat, bullfinch and linnet; and bug hotels, sandy banks and wildflower seed mixes to provide vital resources for pollinators like butterflies and bees.



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT – AT THE HEART OF OUR NEW SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

MAG's new five-year Sustainability Strategy: Creating a sustainable future for all has two pillars: Protecting our Environment and Community at our Core.

As part of 'Protecting our Environment' we have set out clear and ambitious targets focused on decarbonisation, nature conservation and community engagement.

We are committed to championing biodiversity and preserving the natural environment, from enhancing our Airport Trail for future generations to enjoy, to volunteering with nature-based projects in our local area.

At East Midlands Airport we have a strong track record of volunteering and our teams love connecting with our local communities and the environment. Activities like tree planting, habitat restoration, and litter picking not only support biodiversity but

also promote mental well-being, physical activity, and environmental awareness. Our colleagues enjoy the chance to gain hands-on experience, build relationships, and foster a deeper connection to the natural world.

Whether in school Eco Gardens or around the Airport Trail, nature-based volunteering is a powerful tool for climate action and community resilience, inspiring collective stewardship of our planet.

This June as part of National Volunteer Week and in celebration of World Environment Day 2025 we held two litter picking sessions involving teams of volunteers from the airport, Mitie Waste & Environmental Services and DHL. The teams picked a whopping 35 kg of litter around the A453 south of the airport as well as southern parts of the airport trail.



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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