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WELCOME

Welcome to the winter edition of our quarterly e-newsletter, The Stansted Community Flyer. The end of 2023 was busy for us as we helped thousands of people get away safely for their festive breaks or make their way home for Christmas.

As well as helping our customers, we are proud to support our local communities all year round, and at Christmas time the Stansted Airport team like to go the extra mile.

In December, I lent a hand wrapping some of the hundreds of gifts we gave away to local people – see below and the [Local Voices](#) page for more details. Also in December, we were pleased to welcome the Royal Aeronautical Society's competition

winners to our Aerozone. Read more and find out what else our Education team have been getting up to, on the [Opportunity for All](#) page.

On the [Zero Carbon](#) page you can read about our Youth Forum, which re-launched in November and is focusing this year on the theme of sustainable aviation. Including young people in the conversation about the future of our airport and industry is something we are passionate about, and I'm always

interested to hear what they have to say.

As we look forward to another busy year at Stansted, I hope 2024 is a happy and successful one for you and your family.

GARETH POWELL
Managing Director

"GAME-CHANGING" BOOST FOR CHARITY AS OUR COMMUNITY FUND PLEDGES £90,000 IN GRANTS

The fund's flagship award of £50,000 went to TouchPoint Stansted, part of a £90,000 pot of donations pledged to 13 local charities and community groups in Essex and Hertfordshire.

Paul Chambers of Touchpoint, said: "Our current premises are operating at capacity and desperately need updating. We see this as a game-changing moment for our charity and its future sustainability."

Kemi Badenoch MP and representatives of Stansted Airport and the Community Fund Committee attended a special event

to mark the donation in January. Kemi Badenoch, MP, said: "It was a privilege to join Touchpoint, Stansted Airport and residents to mark this award from the airport's community fund. Touchpoint are providing vital support for local communities. The cafe and gardens in Stansted serve as a hub for residents and I'm pleased this award will allow the charity to further grow and expand their services."

Our new online portal provides further information on the Stansted Airport Community Fund.





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

COMMUNITY GRANT HELPING RIDING

Back in November, the MP for North East Hertfordshire, Sir Oliver Heald, joined us at Brook Farm Riding for the Disabled to present them with their £5,000 grant from the Stansted Community Fund.

Brook Farm is a charity that encourages disabled and disadvantaged people to take up horse riding and carriage driving. The donation is being used to help the group build a sensory all-weather riding track so disabled adults and children can experience riding and carriage driving in a safer environment than on the roads.

Sir Oliver, a horse rider himself, said: "It has been great to visit Brook Cottage Farm RDA, a charity that makes a meaningful impact on the lives of disabled children by providing horse riding lessons. It was my pleasure to present them with a £5,000 grant from the SACF, which will support further development of their facilities such as the construction of their riding track."



CHRISTMAS GIVING TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Stansted Airport teams have been spreading festive cheer and supporting good causes in the local community in the run-up to Christmas. As part of our December activities, colleagues have been volunteering at local food banks and delivering gifts to children in Uttlesford, East Hertfordshire and Harlow.

Community Engagement Manager Daniel Burford coordinated the Christmas present appeal, which collected 700 gifts and essentials. He said: "We began collecting the gifts in November, and colleagues came together over two days to wrap more than 700 gifts. Over recent days our teams have been delivering the gifts to Holy Trinity Night Shelter and Exchange in Bishops Stortford, Butterfly Effect and Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, Takeley Community Café and TouchPoint in Stansted Mountfitchet."

Cllr Jackie Cheatham who received the gifts on behalf of Takeley Community Café said: "It was a lovely gesture from the airport to provide these gifts to us, and a lovely surprise for our local residents to receive some Christmas joy".

We also ran a 'reverse advent calendar' campaign, which collected 20 boxes of items for Uttlesford food banks. In place of receiving chocolate from a calendar, colleagues have been giving food, toiletries, baby supplies, and household essentials. The collection was coordinated by Airport Security Advisor Brenda Watts from Braintree, who said: "The reverse advent calendar seemed the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit and support those in need in the local community. Food banks in our local area are incredible and make such a difference, so this Christmas I wanted to lend a helping hand."

We were also excited to sponsor a performance of the Cinderella pantomime at South Mill Arts in Bishops Stortford and donated 180 tickets to charities and families.

Stansted staff have once again given up their time to make a difference in the community by supporting local good causes and spreading joy to families.

Holly Canham,
Feedback Manager



Gift deliveries to the Exchange Project at Bishop Stortford Baptist Church.





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200 COMPANIES ATTEND OUR MEET THE BUYERS EVENT

In November 200 companies attended the Meet the Buyers event at the Radisson Blu Hotel, ranging from start-ups to large companies seeking contracts with big name buyers such as J Murphy & Sons, LPL Construction, VolkerFitzpatrick, Kier and MAG.

The event was opened by Cllr Louise McKinlay, Deputy Leader of Essex Council, Nicki Clark, Chief Executive of UMI and

Marlon Osbourne, London Stansted's Security Change Director.

Over the course of the day, a range of workshops and presentations took place, including an update on the airport's terminal extension plans by Chris Turton, the airport's Transformation Delivery Director, and a talk from Nicki Clark, Chief Executive of UMI, about how to attract, nurture and empower top talent.



1053 JOB SEEKERS ATTEND STANSTED JOBS FAIR

October saw Stansted hold another very successful job fair. The event was attended by 1053 job seekers and 34 partners including TUI, Jet2, Ryanair International Cabin Crew and Ryanair Engineering.

The post-event feedback forms received so far indicates that the business partners have already arranged over 130 interviews. An amazing day, and we're looking forward to the next one early this year!

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ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY'S COMPETITION WINNERS VISIT STANSTED AEROZONE

Our Aerozone has welcomed 775 students in the Autumn Term from local schools, with a special visit in December, when we were pleased to welcome the winners of Phase 1 of the Royal Aeronautical Society Falcon 2 project.

The Falcon 2 project aims to see teams of students from around the country collaborate to build a functional flight simulator for young people with additional needs/disabilities.

Having submitted a winning design concept, 20 girls from the Kendrick School spoke to colleagues from our leadership team about how aircraft design has influenced airport design, and a Titan pilot, about his experiences with flight simulators and teaching a disabled man to fly.

We look forward to welcoming 2 more groups of winning students in the Spring term.



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CARBON CURRICULUM

A new, educational initiative on sustainable flying was launched at Stansted Aerozone in October, with 30 students from Water Lane Primary in Harlow taking part in the first session.

The airport is offering its Jet Zero curriculum to schools and colleges in the local area as part of its commitment to creating a more sustainable future. The launch of the carbon curriculum sees innovative interactive game technology teaching visitors about how Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is made and how it will help aviation reach net zero by 2050. Introducing the curriculum delivers on MAG's Jet Zero Education pledge, and there will be more phases focusing on different areas of sustainable aviation.



YOUTH FORUM TAKES ON SUSTAINABLE AVIATION CHALLENGE

As part of our CSR strategy to widen and diversify our engagement we now have Airport Youth Forums at all our airports. Last year the focus of Youth Forum sessions was around the three strategic priorities of the **MAG Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Strategy – Working Together for a Brighter Future**.

This year our Youth Forum sessions follow the four themes of 'Sustainable Aviation' – a long term strategy which sets out the collective approach of UK aviation to tackling the challenge of ensuring a cleaner, quieter, smarter future for our industry.

In November, we brought industry experts together with the students to explore two of the themes. Fulcrum BioEnergy lead a discussion on the benefits and challenges of developing

and producing Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in the UK. This was followed by a detailed interactive session on 'Using Less Fuel' lead by MAG's Future Airspace team, who explained how changing flight paths can lead to more efficient operations.

In March 2024 students from East Midlands, Manchester and Stansted Airport's Youth Forums will convene at MAG's Sustainable Aviation Youth Summit where they will help shape MAG's CSR Jet Zero Strategy and have their say on whether enough being done to make aviation sustainable.

The opportunity is open to young people aged between 17-25 for more information email community@stanstedairport.com



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