

STANSTED AIRPORT

COMMUNITY flyer

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the first Community Flyer of 2026. As we look forward to another busy year, I'm also reflecting on the end of 2025.

Christmas is one of the most exciting times of year to work here at the Airport. I love walking through arrivals, watching those special 'Love Actually' moments, and seeing the departure lounge full of excited faces.

'Giftmas' is a festive tradition I'm proud to support, but it's just one of many ways we support our local area and the people who live in it: in this issue, you can catch

up on recent initiatives by our environment, education and community teams.

We work hard to keep the lines of communication between ourselves and our local communities open and are looking forwards to the next meetings of our Stansted Airport Consultative Committee and our team's summer outreach sessions in the local community.



On behalf of all my colleagues at London Stansted Airport, I'd like to wish all our neighbours a brilliant 2026.

GARETH POWELL
Managing Director

PLANS TO INCREASE PASSENGER LIMIT GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT BY UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

We have recently secured planning approval to increase our annual passenger limit up to 51 million, unlocking the potential to deliver a wide range of consumer, economic and community benefits over the next 20 years.

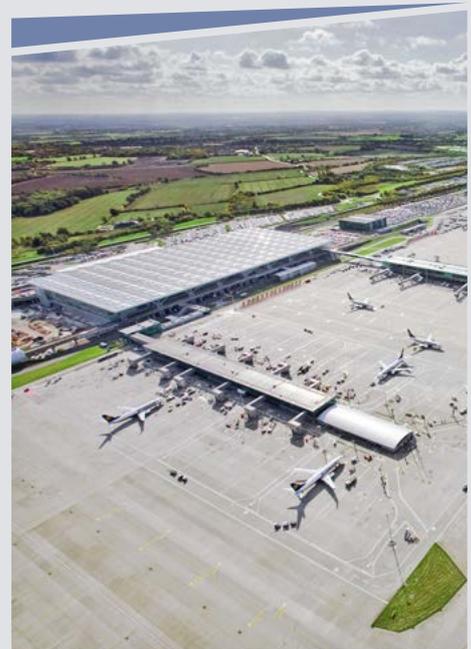
Uttlesford District Council has given the green light to our application, which paves the way for us to make best use of our runway and grow passenger volumes towards the new limit over the next two decades.

This lays the foundations for the long-term sustainable growth of London Stansted and

means we can maximise the full potential of our existing facilities.

The opportunity is considerable as the full expansion of Stansted will deliver widespread social and economic benefits to the regions we serve, without any increase in the number of flights the airport is already permitted to operate and within the existing airport footprint.

This will enable us to create thousands of new jobs, provide training opportunities to the next generation of aviation professionals and attract new routes that give people more opportunities to visit the places they want to.





We believe that our airport should be a force for good in the communities we serve

RUNWAY RUN RAISES £9,000 FOR CHARITY

Our fifth annual Runway Run saw hundreds of participants take to the tarmac for a unique 5km challenge, raising £9,000 for the airport's three chosen charities – Medcare, Magic Breakfast, and The Children's Society.

Held at 1am, when no flights were scheduled, the event gave around 200 runners, joggers, and walkers a rare opportunity to race along the airport's runway. The event welcomed a mix of airport colleagues and local residents for a memorable night of community spirit, fitness, and fundraising.



CHRISTMAS GIVING

This year we repeated our pledge that no vulnerable person in our neighbouring communities should wake up on Christmas morning without a gift.

We were met with an overwhelming response from our incredible colleagues and on-site businesses who generously donated around 2500 gifts.

Our colleagues held a gift wrapping

event in our offices and stepped in to wrap and distribute the gifts. Beneficiaries have included Company at Christmas in Bishop's Stortford and lots of local schools.

We were also delighted to sponsor the Snow White pantomime at South Mill Arts Centre, offering 200 tickets to be distributed to members of our local community.



COMMUNITY FUND FLAGSHIP AWARD

Christmas came early for community groups across Essex and Hertfordshire, as they unwrapped more than £80,000 in grants from the Stansted Airport Community Fund.

The fund, which supports projects that make a difference in areas around the airport, has awarded £82,945 in its December round of funding.

Two major schemes received Flagship Fund grants of £25,000 each. Essex Wildlife Trust will use the money to refurbish a path at Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve near Stansted Mountfitchet, improving access and protecting local wildlife.

Sheering Parish Council will be able to replace its leaking roof on its village hall,

a building described as "the heart of our rural community."

Other grants went to village halls, bowls clubs and local sports teams, with awards ranging from £309 to £2,700.



The Royal British Legion (RBL) Poppy appeal at London Stansted this year raised a record breaking £24,000 in support of military veterans and their families.



We aim for our airport to serve as hubs of opportunity

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



PACKED TO THE BRIM!

In response to increasing interest and demand, **Stansted Airport College (STAC)** has expanded its learning facilities for the current academic year.

A new workshop has been added to the existing STAC base, complemented by the

creation of two additional classrooms at Endeavour House. These enhancements have boosted learner capacity from 500 to 600, enabling more students to benefit from STAC's industry-focused education and training.



RECORD NUMBERS AT LONDON STANSTED JOB FAIR AS EMIRATES JOINS LINE-UP

We saw a bumper turnout at our autumn job fair, with nearly 2,000 jobseekers flocking to the airport for the event, the highest attendance on record.

This year's fair had an extra buzz thanks to Emirates making its debut appearance, attracting plenty of interest from those looking for cabin crew roles. More than 500 vacancies were on offer from leading airport

employers, including Ryanair, Jef2.com, World Duty Free, and DHL.

As the largest single-site employer in the East of England, Stansted already supports more than 12,000 jobs and is set to create even more through its ongoing transformation project and future growth ambitions.



OPPORTUNITIES TAKE OFF AT LONDON STANSTED'S MEET THE BUYERS

Our popular Meet the Buyers event made a successful return to the Radisson Blu Hotel on Thursday, November 27.

Now in its 24th year, the sold-out event continues to connect small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with major buyers in the airport's supply chain, helping local firms access new opportunities.

Jonathan Fowler, Chief Operating Officer at London Stansted, opened the event alongside Suzanne McCreedy of UMi and Essex County Council Deputy Leader Cllr Louise McKinlay.

Mr Fowler said: "Meet the Buyers is about creating real opportunities for local businesses to share in Stansted's success. Together with our transformation programme and ambitions to grow passenger numbers to 51 million a year, we want to ensure that the benefits of our transformation are felt across the region."

Suzanne McCreedy, Chief Commercial Officer at UMi, organisers of the event, added: "UMi is delighted to once again partner with London Stansted, building on a successful relationship that has helped thousands of local businesses access new supply chain opportunities."



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We will safeguard the natural environment and promote resource efficiency

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT



STANSTED AIRPORT STAFF LEND A HAND AT COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

Staff from London Stansted swapped the terminal for trowels, rolling up their sleeves to help out at **Human Roots**, a community gardening project in Stansted Mountfitchet.

The marketing team spent the afternoon weeding, clearing crops, and building a new bed for ericaceous plants. They also laid a path inside the fruit cage and gave the compost store a full makeover.



Human Roots GARDEN



BASELINE BIODIVERSITY SURVEYS

Stansted has recently completed a site-wide biodiversity baseline survey, covering all land we own. This consisted of assessments of each and every habitat at the airport, classifying its type, condition, and noting any special features like rare or protected species.

This huge project will allow us to identify high-value ecological areas to focus our efforts on, and opportunity areas where we can improve. It also gives us a robust baseline 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.

These surveys are part of our soon-to-be published Conservation Strategy, which outlines key commitments MAG will adhere to ensure robust protection and enhancement of the environment through all aspects of our business.



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