

STANSTED AIRPORT

# COMMUNITY flyer

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL



## WELCOME

Hello and welcome to our Spring Community Flyer. Here at the airport, we're gearing up for our busy summer months. I always think spring is a great time to get outdoors and for many of the Stansted Airport team, that means volunteering in our local communities.

You can find out how we have supported local good causes in the past year through thousands of hours of volunteering – and our Community Trust Fund – on the [Local Voices page](#).

'New beginnings' are another key theme of the season and for lots of people, that means a new career.

On our [Opportunity for All](#) page, you

can read about our first ever Aviation Careers Festival, designed to inspire the next generation of aviation professionals.

Finally, on the [Protecting the Environment](#) page, find out about how we are collaborating across our industry to protect nature, increase our reliance on responsible resources and working towards decarbonising aviation.

Here's to rising temperatures and longer days – enjoy, and I look forward to updating you again in summer.

GARETH POWELL  
Managing Director



## COMMUNITY TRUST SURVEY

We run a Trust Survey every other year to understand how our work is landing in the local community and to help shape what we do next.

In our last survey back in 2024, 549 of you shared your thoughts with us – thank you! Your feedback really does make a difference.

Since then, we've been busy putting your comments into action, including:

- Working with teams across the airport to tackle local issues and hotspots
- Continuing to invest in our Community Fund and grow our volunteering programme
- Deliver our new Sound Insulation Grants to households in close proximity to the airport

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](#), or scan the QR code. Your views help shape our community work – thank you for being part of it!





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

## SAFFRON WALDEN MUSEUM

A historic new addition has arrived in our Satellite 3 arrivals corridor from Saffron Walden Museum, as part of a project which is enabled by support from Uttlesford Council's Rural Tourism scheme and the British Government.

The scheme has funded investments in equipment and sustainable initiatives to promote the visitor economy in areas such as Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow. It aims to address rural challenges and celebrate local culture.

Saffron Walden Museum has curated a special display case with items in the archive at the Museum relating to the Airport's local area. The case displays several plans and documents relating to the airport including a photograph of when NASA's shuttle ENTERPRISE visited Stansted. It also includes the largest and oldest Romano-British wine strainer, two examples of Anglo-Saxon horse fittings and a Tudor spoon all items were found within Airport's footprint.

Simon Hilton-Smith, Collections officer at Saffron Walden Museum said "The museum enjoyed collaborating with the dedicated team at Stansted Airport. As a small local institution, we found their support invaluable. Together, we look forward to continuing our partnership and sharing our collection with countless travellers and airport staff, fostering cultural connections and enriching the community."



## SUPPORTING LOCAL AWARDS

Over the last quarter we have continued to support two local award ceremonies, the first was the Bishop's Stortford Independent 'Indies Community Awards', which were held on Friday 23rd January, we were delighted to be a headline sponsor of the event and also sponsor the 'Community Champions' award which this year was won by Un-Aleatico Stortford.

In 2022, one of the founder members, Richard Purvis, died in a car crash. That tragedy prompted the players to bump up their weekly match fees so they could make regular donations to charity. Grateful recipients include Grove Cottage, the home of Mencap in Bishop's Stortford, the

Welbeloved Club, which provides monthly lunches for lonely pensioners, and Red Kite, the Herts and West Essex charity supporting all victims of rape and sexual assault.

The other event we support is the Uttlesford District Council Business Awards, once again we are headline sponsor of this event. This event was held on Thursday 26th February at Saffron Hall, this event highlights the great work local businesses do across Uttlesford. Alongside being the headline sponsor we also sponsor the 'Commitment to Community' award which Matt Dolphin, Finance Director at Stansted presented the award to Tela Marketing.



## STANSTED AIRPORT COMMUNITY FUND



The Stansted Community Fund committee met to discuss the final round of the fund in FY26 in March, the fund received a record breaking 55 applications, requesting over £200,000 in grants.

After much deliberation the committee awarded 32 organisations grants totalling £79,840.60, the most given out in a standard community fund round, this brings the total awarded in FY26 to £243,903.01.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



## LOCAL PUPILS INSPIRED AT STANSTED'S FIRST AVIATION CAREERS FESTIVAL

More than 500 students from Essex and Hertfordshire took part in London Stansted Airport's first Aviation Careers Festival, held at the Radisson Blu Hotel.

Over 20 airport employers were on hand, offering everything from flight simulators and engineering activities to tech demonstrations and informal chats with aviation teams.

The event was opened by London Stansted's Managing Director, Gareth Powell, alongside Uttlesford Council Leader

Petrina Lees. Both welcomed the chance to showcase the wide range of careers that help keep the airport running.

Visitors also had the chance to learn lifesaving CPR with support from the Essex & Hertfordshire Air Ambulance.

This festival is the first of three MAG events supported through the CAA and Department for Transport's Reach for the Sky programme, which is helping expand aviation outreach for young people.



## AEROZONE WELCOMES INT. STUDENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE DAY

On 9 February, London Stansted's Aerozone welcomed postgraduate students from Anglia Ruskin University studying International Supply Chain & Logistics and International Business.

The visit began with an introduction to the airport's history, followed by a session led by Adam Freeman, Decarbonisation & ESG Director, on MAG's Sustainability Strategy and how it connects to the students' academic work.

After lunch, the Airfield Operations team offered a short demonstration before students were divided into groups to tackle three real-world challenges: how political shifts affect environmental and business priorities; how Stansted can attract talent while competing with the London job market; and how night-time noise impacts local communities and what can be done to reduce it.

Students engaged enthusiastically, presenting thoughtful solutions. Feedback

from both students and staff was highly positive, with university tutors praising the visit as an 'outstanding applied learning experience'.



## STANSTED AIRPORT ACADEMY AT THE UTTLESFORD AGE WELL GROUP

In January, Stansted Airport Academy took part in the Uttlesford Age Well Group meeting to share information about the Academy's training and employment opportunities, and to outline the ways local partners can connect with our services.

The session offered valuable opportunities to meet and network with a wide range of community organisations. Attendees included representatives from Mind, St Clare's Community Services, Carver Barracks (Royal Engineers), Uttlesford Police, Uttlesford Food Bank, NHS Employability, and the Chair of Health and Wellbeing.

Several organisations also delivered updates and presentations, including:

- **Veteran Friendly Framework** – supporting care homes to develop veteran-friendly approaches (presented by Kathryn Glass).
- **Blossom Care** – sharing information on dementia café initiatives and domiciliary care engagement (presented by Olivia).
- **Care UK Engagement, Uttlesford Council Development Team**, and other local wellbeing services

Our involvement in the event helped deepen connections with partners across health, wellbeing, and employability, opening possibilities for future collaboration and wider community engagement.





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

## DONATIONS TO LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Birchanger Primary School**, local to the airport reached out to see if we had any equipment that could be donated to the school to support with their outdoor play and learning project.

Working with our waste contractor **The Green Block** we arranged a site visit so staff at the school could come and see what might be available, after a shopping list came through, we worked with **LPL Construction** who supported delivering the equipment to the school.

The school were delighted with the equipment they received which included pallets, suitcases, pushchairs and a few luggage trolleys, the donation enhanced the school's lunchtime play offer which was recently awarded the OPAL Gold Award.



## 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 an overview of non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from aviation, including nitrogen oxides, water vapour, particulates and contrail formation 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-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Additionally, 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.



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