

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

COMMUNITY flyer

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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the Summer 2026 issue of the EMA Community Flyer. We have seen a strong start to the summer season, which kicked off with a busy May half term, contributing to an increase in the number of people travelling through our airport. Passengers are enjoying a wide range of improvements as part of an ongoing investment programme, with recent survey results revealing 97% of our customers rank us as good to excellent.

The recently announced Jet2 Paris service is now on sale and represents a welcome enhancement to our connectivity offering, while Loganair successfully launched its new daily Jersey service, further strengthening domestic connectivity from the East Midlands.

We have also consolidated our position as the UK's number one express air freight hub, handling a record-breaking 413,664 tonnes of cargo last year. Despite this growth, the number of freight aircraft movements reduced by 6%, with larger aircraft now

carrying more freight per flight on longer inter-continental routes.

I'm also pleased to share that we have now published our updated [2026 EMA Sustainable Plan](#), following a period of public consultation last year. The plan is our vision of how we see the airport developing over the next 20 years and replaces our previous plan which was published in 2015.

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](#). 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



COMMUNITY SURVEY FEEDBACK WILL HELP SHAPE OUR WORK

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. This year our survey was open for six weeks and closed in June with 201 responses. The survey was divided into five sections, with a total of 23 questions.

Early results of the survey show that 86% of respondents believe that EMA is a good, honest and trustworthy neighbour, while 81% believe that the Airport keeps them up to date with what we are doing and our work in the community.

Finalised results for the full set of survey questions will be published shortly on our website [here](#). Thank you to those who responded, your views will help shape our community work.





AIRPORT COMMUNITY FUND ROUND-UP – SUPPORTING LOCAL PROJECTS

Last year our Community Fund awarded a total of £106,405 to 81 local charities and not-for-profit community groups, benefiting over 229,000 local people. You can read our Annual Report covering the year from April 2025 to March 2026 on our website [here](#).

This year we have already held the first of four quarterly Community Fund Committee meetings and awarded just over £39,000 to 33 local charities and community not-for-profit groups.

Established in 2002, the Community Fund has since helped more than 2,000 initiatives benefit from £2.8m, which has gone towards a diverse range of projects, from equipment for village halls to the development of wildlife areas.

Among the recent recipients are the 15th Long Eaton Sea Scouts who have been refurbishing their Blue Hut, which was originally famously donated to them from the set of *Auf Wiedersehen Pet* by Central Studios in Nottingham.

The EMA Community Fund grant of £1,000 went towards a new kitchen. Members of the East Midlands Airport Community Fund committee attended a special celebration event to mark the 60th anniversary of the main hall and the 40th anniversary and completion of the refurbishment of the blue hut.

Meanwhile Ashby Croquet Club received a grant of £1,811 towards croquet playing equipment, Long Eaton Town Bowls Club received a grant of £1,570 towards materials for the restoration of their bowling green edges and Staunton Harold Sailability Trust received a grant of £2,000 towards a new hoist. Members of the fund committee visited this summer during one of the club's open days to see the hoist in action, and are pictured with Sailability Trust Chair, Mark, and Trustee, Tony.

This year Newton Solney Village Hall finally completed the installation of solar panels which were made possible by an East Midlands Airport Community Fund 'Low Carbon Energy' Grant of £10,000, made in 2024. And Weston-on-Trent Village Hall Committee recently completed the upgrade of their village hall car park to improve accessibility thanks to a grant of £2,000 from the EMA Community Fund towards materials. David Boyd from the Village Hall Committee said, 'Thank you for the generous donation which has made the car park and village hall more accessible for everyone.' He is pictured with a resident and regular user of the village hall.

It's great to see the difference our Community Fund can make in the towns and villages surrounding the airport. More information about the fund and how to apply for it is available [here](#).





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CHAMPIONING YOUNG TALENT AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

In June we hosted a reception at the House of Commons, bringing together MPs and senior representatives from the Department for Transport, Department for Education, Department for Work and Pensions and HM Treasury, alongside partners from education and industry.

The event highlighted EMA's parent company, MAG's support for the Government's drive to expand business-led skills programmes to reduce the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). Against the backdrop of the Milburn Review, which identified nearly one million young people as NEET, discussions also focused on the need for stronger collaboration, long-term

investment and clear pathways into work.

Over the past five years, across our three airports (EMA, Manchester and Stansted) MAG has supported more than 52,000 local people, including over 350 NEET young people in the last year alone, with around half progressing into employment.

Attendees also heard directly from former students and East Midlands Airport's Academy learners, who shared how the programmes helped them build skills, confidence and paid roles at the airport.

Minister for Employment, Dame Diana Johnson MP, praised MAG's partnership-led approach, highlighting its role in creating "real opportunities for young people with a genuine pathway into rewarding careers."

KIDS GET A TASTE OF AIRPORT LIFE

We were delighted to celebrate 'Kids at Work' day at East Midlands Airport in May, giving colleagues' children and relatives a unique insight into the wide range of careers that keep the airport running.

The day began at Aerozone, where children enjoyed interactive activities before heading through Security for guided tours of important areas of the airport such as Air Traffic Control, the Fire Station, the airfield and the baggage hall, as well as a ride in an Ambulift and a minibus tour along the runway.

The experience gave young people a hands-on introduction to the world of aviation and emergency response, while also allowing our colleagues to share our passion for the industry. It was a day full of inspiration, excitement and future possibilities.



DWP VISITS EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT ACADEMY



We recently hosted colleagues from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) for an airport 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 programme 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 jobs seekers people to the Academy. If you're looking for work, the East Midlands Airport Academy could be your next step, please email us airportacademy@eastmidlandsairport.com for more details.



It has been great seeing all the operational activity and learning about the variety of careers and opportunities at the Airport. It has been very inspiring.

Katharine, Recruitment consultant, Nottingham Central Job Centre

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CLEANING UP DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK

Over the past year colleagues at EMA gave over 4,900 hours of their time – the equivalent of 613 working days – to support local charities and community groups.

Our target is for 30% of all colleagues and 100% of leaders to take part in social value and volunteering activities. Last year we met these targets for a third consecutive year, with 37% of total staff and all our leaders having given time to various volunteering projects.

This year so far, we have seen many volunteer activities take place including colleagues supporting Nottingham College work experience activities, 'Bring your Child to Work' day, Aerozone career talks, and Academy mock interviews.

Inspired by this year's World Environment Day theme 'climate action, during National

Volunteering Week this June we also held several litter-picks. Even with rain and wind trying to slow us down, our team showed true determination and managed to collect an impressive 20kg of litter over two days along the A453 verges and the airport trail. We used different coloured bags to separate recyclables from general waste, and about half of what we picked up was recyclable, helping us see the positive impact we're having on reducing landfill and carbon emissions. The volunteering efforts tied in with North West Leicestershire District Council's 'Love Your Neighbourhood' month of action which encourages local businesses to show commitment to the local environment and the communities they work in. It was fantastic to be supported by members of the [#LoveYourNeighbourhood](#) campaign for our events.



USEFUL CONTACTS

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](#).

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