

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

COMMUNITY *flyer*

WORKING TOGETHER
FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the Autumn edition of the Community Flyer. Summer 2024 has seen more than two million passengers use East Midlands Airport for their holidays – almost 100,000 more than last year. If you were one of our customers, many thanks for choosing East Midlands Airport!

A busy airport is great news for our neighbouring communities, as it provides a significant boost to the regional economy and plenty of job opportunities for local people.

We are committed to ensuring that when our business prospers, our local communities do too; and regular readers will be aware of the work we do to make good on that promise.

For a more detailed review, look out for our Annual CSR Report being published in the autumn.

We work hard to make sure that we keep the lines of communication between ourselves and our local communities

open. East Midlands Airport Consultative Committee (EMACC) is the formal body in charge of liaison between the airport and our neighbouring communities and meets three times a year.

If you would like to attend, 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



YOUTH FORUM RECRUITING NOW!

We are looking for young people to join this year's East Midlands Airport Youth Forum, a fantastic opportunity to have your say about how the airport operates as a business; the impact we have on young people; and tell us what we can do better to engage with and support our younger customers, neighbours and future colleagues.

We will be hosting meetings both online and in person on the themes of career opportunities for young people, the impact

on young people of living close to the airport and the work we do to minimise our impact on the environment.

The 2024-25 Youth Forum will culminate in a summit at East Midlands Airport in March 2025, bringing together young people from Stansted, Manchester and East Midlands to participate in workshops with leaders from our business, to help shape our future plans. Interested? Contact community@eastmidlandsairport.com to find out more.





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

COMMUNITY FUND SHINES A LIGHT ON TENNIS IN KEGWORTH

Kegworth Tennis Club were recently awarded £10,000 from the East Midlands Airport Low Carbon Energy Fund towards the replacement of their old floodlights for new LED lights.

The new lights have made a huge difference to the club, saving them more than half their electricity bill and significantly improving the quality of light for players.

Members of the tennis club are pictured here at their club house and playing a game with the new lights in the background.



PLAIN SAILING THANKS TO FUNDING BOOST

Swarkestone Sailing Club, based near the airport, is one of around 80 clubs in the UK that runs weekly Sailability sessions from April to November, giving access to the lake for a number of local people with a range of disabilities including spinal injuries, strokes and mental health issues.

Last year the club was granted £2,000 towards a special hoist from the EMA Community Fund, which enables people to get out of their wheelchairs and onto the water, providing them with an enormous sense of freedom. This year the club also successfully applied for £10,000 towards solar panels on the clubhouse roof from the airport's Low Carbon Energy Fund.

Gary Flint of Swarkestone Sailability Club, which continues to meet weekly to socialise during the winter months, said: "Coming

here is a great boost of positivity. It is not just the sailing, it is the social engagement with amazing people who make things happen."

He added: "If we didn't have the hoist, a lot of members wouldn't be able to sail, so it makes a massive difference. With fuel bills going through the roof, the solar panels provide longevity for the club. People in wheelchairs tend to feel the cold more so it is great to be able to heat the building without it having a big impact on our bills."

In September airport staff volunteered at the club for the day, helping to get the boats ready, assist getting the Sailability members on and off the dinghies, and then pack the boats away at the end of the session. One of the team said: "It was a privilege to spend time with the club members, carers and volunteers who clearly get a huge amount of enjoyment at Swarkestone Sailing Club."



Sailing is a levelling sport, where disabled people can compete with able-bodied people.

Gary Flint of Swarkestone Sailability Club



We are committed to creating quality employment and providing opportunities for all

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



BOOTH WOOD PRIMARY CHILDREN MAKE THEIR MARK



Children from Booth Wood Primary School in Loughborough created the latest instalment of artwork on the airport's western pier for thousands of passengers to enjoy as they make their way through the passenger terminal.

Students in the art club at Booth Wood Primary visited the Aerozone earlier this year to learn about the airport and its 24-hour operation. The fact that the airport never closes was chosen as the theme for their designs which show the airport throughout

the seasons and around the clock. The designs were printed on tiles using computer technology.

Teacher Caterina Harrison commented that "the children were given the opportunity to showcase their fantastic artistic skills, and I am very proud of each and every child. We are excited for members of the public to see them when they visit the airport!"

Ten of the artists were invited back to the airport in June to see their tiles on display.



YOUNG CARE LEAVERS GAIN INSIGHT INTO AVIATION INDUSTRY

This July our Airport Academy welcomed Nottingham Cares, a charity dedicated to helping young care leavers explore career opportunities and secure employment.

We hosted 17 care leavers and their support workers at our new facility. The group participated in an airport quiz, listened to a talk about aviation careers,

enjoyed a tour of the airport, and engaged in hands-on activities at Aerozone. An Achievement Advisor from Nottingham City Council praised the event, saying, "It was such a fun, varied, interactive session, and the smiles on their faces were glowing proof of how much they enjoyed it!" The event was such a success that we have another session planned for November.

Did you know that since partnering with Nottingham College, the Airport Academy has welcomed 152 adult learners to our site, where they've successfully earned a Level 1 qualification in Exploring the Aviation Industry. Since April, we've supported 654 individuals across 35 outreach events, including Job Fairs, and have established exciting new partnerships.



LITTLE BOOK OF TRAVEL TALES

This year we launched the newest instalment of our "Little Book of Travel Tales," just in time for the school holidays. This delightful book, created through a World Book Day competition, features stories from seven local schools around East Midlands, Manchester and Stansted airports.

Aimed at entertaining young travellers, the book includes 13 stories, puzzles, activities, and a holiday diary.

It is part of MAG's new "Little Flyers Club," which offers digital and print-out activities to entertain as well as educate children about travel and aviation. The book has received positive feedback both from pupils and teachers.

The young authors of these stories were rewarded with book vouchers and a contribution to their school library. All competition winners also enjoyed a special visit to the Aerozone, making their literary achievements even more memorable.



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We are committed to cutting our reliance on fossil fuels, reduce waste and emissions

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TARGETING ZERO

We are developing our education, outreach and employment opportunities to reflect our strategic focus on 'Zero Carbon Airports.'

Last year, we launched Jet Zero Education in our Aerozone, and hosted a sustainability-focused Youth Forum Summit. This year we have more exciting plans including rolling out the next phase of our Jet Zero Curriculum.

We will also host a Youth Forum event dedicated to MAG's new Sustainability Strategy. As part of our commitment to developing early talent, we welcomed a CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Apprentice and Decarbonisation Graduate to the team in 2023.

WE CAUGHT UP WITH ABBY, OUR DECARBONISATION GRADUATE, TO TELL US ABOUT HER ROLE

When did you join MAG, and can you tell us more about your Graduate Programme?

I joined MAG in July 2023, spending my first placement in the Planning Services team. I then joined the Decarbonisation & ESG (Economy, Social and Governance) team in April 2024 for my second rotation. My graduate programme will enable me to gain experience in a variety of teams working on projects relating to sustainability and decarbonisation. I'm excited to see where it takes me next!

What did you do prior to joining MAG?

I studied Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge, specialising in Zoology. I became really interested in climate change

and its effects, as well as biodiversity and drivers of biodiversity loss.

What are some of the projects you have been working on recently?

I've been working on some exciting projects, including helping to develop MAG's Decarbonisation Programme and modelling emissions, which will support MAG in reducing its carbon emissions and achieving net zero by 2038. I have also been working on climate change risk assessments, pulling together MAG's Climate Adaptation Report, which will be submitted to the Government later this year. This will support MAG in minimising the impacts of our changing climate, for example the impact of extreme weather events on airport operations.



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](#).

You can also report a noise disturbance [here](#)

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