

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

# COMMUNITY *flyer*

WORKING TOGETHER  
FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



## WELCOME

April marks the start of our busy summer season and the anniversary of our 60th year of operations. We started operations on 2 April and the late Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, officially opened the airport on 21 July 1965. We are excited to share that we are planning a three-day community event open to the public at the Aeropark Aviation Museum from Saturday 19 to Monday 21 July. Keep an eye out for more information over the coming months.

**We are seeking feedback on our draft 2025 Sustainable Development Plan, which sets out how we see the airport developing over the next 20 years.**

You can read the draft plan on our website [here](#) along with information about how to share your views and comments. The public consultation closes on Friday 16 May 2025.

We are also running a consultation on our updated Airport Byelaws from 1 April to 14 May. You can find more information [here](#).

We work hard to keep the lines of communication between ourselves and

our local communities open. If you would like to attend a meeting of the East Midlands Airport Consultative Committee (EMACC), 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 via our website [here](#).

As always, we welcome your views.

You can contact us at [community@eastmidlandsairport.com](mailto:community@eastmidlandsairport.com) and sign up to receive the Community Flyer by scanning the QR code.



*Steve Griffiths*

**STEVE GRIFFITHS**  
Managing Director



## MAG YOUTH SUMMIT

**This March we hosted the UK's only Airport Youth Summit, where around 70 young people from across the East Midlands, Manchester and Stansted regions took part in discussions which will help our approach to sustainability.**

Attendees also provided their views on MAG's Early Talent Strategies, as well as enjoying a visit to the East Midlands Airport Aeropark outdoor aviation museum.

In 2022 we set up youth forums at all our airports as part of our commitment

to broaden our existing programme of consultation and engagement with our neighbouring communities.

Over the last six months, Airport Youth Forum sessions have delved into MAG's Education, Skills and Early Talent programmes, how MAG airports minimise the impact of noise through Noise Action Plans and Future Airspace. We also looked at the benefits and challenges of developing and producing Sustainable Aviation Fuel in the UK, and how MAG is leading the way.





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

## VOLUNTEERS HELP GREEN THYME TEAM SPRING INTO ACTION

A team of airport colleagues helped the Green Thyme Team spruce up their new community garden in Normanton Park in Derby this spring. Jobs included cutting the lawns, clearing, weeding and edging the garden beds, painting benches and putting together a large bug hotel.

The Green Thyme Team recently received an Eco-Garden grant of £9,975 from the EMA Community Fund to transform an old disused bowling green within the park grounds into a community garden, which now incorporates seating areas, artwork and flower beds. The garden is in the heart of the park, engaging community members, local schools and groups who have come together to help create and support its development into a much-valued green space.



## HOSPICE GARDEN GETS MAKEOVER

This February a team of airport hospitality colleagues visited Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough to renovate the garden, which included taking down and clearing away an old fence, painting gates, handrails, and planter boxes, and valeting the vehicles used to transport the poorly children.

Debbie, one of the volunteers that day, said: "It was a pleasure to support such a worthy cause. Rainbows Hospice, who provide care and support to children and their families with serious or terminal

illnesses, do such a great job, so to be just a small part of that in any way possible is so rewarding. It's a great way to be together as a team, and to develop any skills you may not know you had."

The hospitality team also litter-picked during February as well as volunteering at the Aeropark Aviation Museum on two days in March. They helped the regular Aeropark Volunteer Association (AVA) volunteers that run the museum with a range of activities, including gardening and plane washing.



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## MEET THE TEAM

To get to know our neighbours better, we regularly attend events in the local area, where residents have the opportunity to ask questions or talk to us about any issues or concerns.

Our programme of outreach events for 2025 is now published on our website and below. We look forward to seeing you at these community events:

- 21 April: Kegworth Easter Market, St Andrew's Church
- 5 May: Castle Donington May Market
- 18 May: East Leake Spring Fair
- 5-6 July: Aston Well Dressing
- 12 July: Melbourne Fete and Carnival
- 13 July: Ashby Show
- 19-21 July: EMA 60th Anniversary Community events at Aeropark Aviation Museum
- 26 July: Nottingham Pride
- 13 Sept: Diseworth Show



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

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



# CELEBRATING WOMEN IN AVIATION

# International Women's Day

This March 18 students from Castle Donington College, spent the day at East Midlands Airport to celebrate International Women's Day. They learnt about the range of careers available with a team of female staff working in various roles across the airport.

Their day included time in the airport's Aerozone education centre, an airside tour, a visit to the airport fire station and a drive along the runway with the Airfield Operations team.

The day ended with a speed networking session, where they chatted with colleagues from across the business including members of the airport's Women's Network and DHL Air.



# 1,200 JOB SEEKERS EXPLORE CAREERS AT THE ANNUAL EMA JOBS FAIR

In February, the airport terminal was a hive of activity as a record-breaking 1,200 jobseekers attended the highly anticipated airport jobs fair.

Organized by the Airport Academy in collaboration with Nottingham College and DWP, the event showcased hundreds of job opportunities across the airport site.

This provided a fantastic platform for individuals to explore a diverse range of career opportunities, from customer service roles to technical positions. Nearly twenty on-site companies participated promoting their vacancies, including MAG, Jet2.com, UK Border Force, Swissport, HMS Host, Ryanair and TUI.

Notably, this year two British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters were available at the event which was met with appreciation and gratitude. One jobseeker said 'I wanted to take a moment to thank the BSL interpreters at today's event. They were fantastic, and I couldn't have asked for better support, and I am extremely pleased with the level of assistance provided.'

# BOOKING OPEN NOW FOR HALF TERM FUN

The airport first opened its doors in 1965 and to celebrate our 60th anniversary, our onsite education centre 'Aerozone' will be opening its doors to our local community for some half term fun.

On the 28th and 29th May, we will be hosting some special half term open days, where children aged 4-13, will be able to enjoy our interactive facility, arts and crafts and special visitors.

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance as places are limited. To order a ticket, please scan the QR code.



We have partnered with aviation content creator 'Mo T The Airport Guy' to inspire the next generation of airport professionals.

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

## ENERGY FROM BLACK BIN WASTE

**Did you know that you can make energy from waste? Biofuel including Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) can be produced using black bin waste.**

Sending bin bag waste to make green jet fuel could help build a SAF industry in the UK, creating up to 60,000 jobs. Every year, around 8.5m tonnes of household rubbish are burned to make electricity when items cannot be recycled or re-used, according to transport sustainability experts ICF. A further 7.3m tonnes are burned with no energy recovery at all.

Instead of being incinerated to make electricity, the same waste could be used to produce SAF at new refineries across the UK – giving airports a direct supply and creating tens of thousands of new green jobs.

The research from ICF reveals that the reduction in carbon emissions from using bin bag waste to make SAF would be at least five times greater than that achieved by incinerating the same waste to generate electricity.

It shows that SAF made from waste emits 89% less carbon than burning conventional jet fuel. This means that using waste to make SAF results in a much bigger reduction in carbon emissions than incinerating it to make electricity – because nearly 50% of all UK electricity already comes from renewable sources.

## CLEANING UP DURING ENERGY WEEK



**INTERNATIONAL ENERGY WEEK**

**This February during Energy Week a team of airport colleagues collected 30 bags of litter along the airport trail and A453 verges, weighing in at 75kg of litter collected!**

Litter picks like this help to keep our local trail beautiful for all to use, whilst doing something great for the environment.



USEFUL CONTACTS

You can contact our Community Engagement team at [community@eastmidlandsairport.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

**For Airport Customer Services and Feedback: 0808 169 7030**

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