

MANCHESTER AIRPORT

# COMMUNITY *flyer*

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Community Flyer. Here at Manchester Airport, preparations are well underway for what we hope will be a great summer for our customers, colleagues and, of course, our local community. Spring is a busy time for our recruitment team, with lots of jobs available. There are a huge range of different roles involved in operating a busy international airport – if you are looking for career opportunities, the Airport could have the perfect job for you. Read more on our Opportunity for All page.

**Our Community Engagement team have – as always – been encouraging colleagues to give back to the local community through volunteering, with Airport staff signing up to plant trees, clean-up our local area and read to school children on World Book Day. If you know of a community group in need of volunteers, please contact [community@manairport.co.uk](mailto:community@manairport.co.uk) with your request.**

In March, we were delighted to host our first 'Meet the Buyers' event, giving local

businesses an amazing opportunity to connect directly with major 25 buyers.

Look out for our Community Engagement team at an event near you in the coming months as they get out and about to meet our neighbours and hear your views about the Airport. The Community team will be attending:

- The Knutsford Royal May Day (the Airport is sponsoring the May Queen's crown this year!)
- Join Together Festival
- Mobberley Rose Queen Festival



- Royal Cheshire County Show
- and the Wythenshawe Games.

If you are attending any of these community events, do say hello to the team.

*Chris*

**CHRIS WOODROFFE**  
Managing Director

## THE LITTLE BOOK OF TRAVEL TALES

Manchester Airport recently launched our 'Little Book of Travel Tales' in time for World Book Day. We asked children from local primary schools to write a poem or a story, or to draw a picture which represents what travel and the Airport mean to them. We were thrilled to receive hundreds of entries and struggled to choose between them!

On 2nd March, 14 pieces of work from

nine different schools were published in the book and free copies will be handed out in the terminals over the Summer holidays and beyond. We wanted to give children something exciting to read and fun activities to do as they head off on their travels from our Airport. We were delighted to present the winning schools with copies of the book and a contribution to their school library.



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



## HELP FOR OUR NEAREST NEIGHBOURS

We know having a busy international airport on your doorstep brings a wealth of employment and travel opportunities to the local community – but we acknowledge that there can be some downsides for our neighbours too.

People living directly under flight paths in the Wythenshawe, Heald Green, Mobberley and Knutsford areas are most affected by aircraft noise; and – on rare occasions – by vortices shed by descending aeroplanes causing damage to their roof.

Did you know that Manchester Airport provides funding to local residents to help minimise the impact of our operations on their daily lives? In the last decade, the Airport has provided more than £850,000 worth of funding to our neighbours via our Sound Insulation Grant and Vortex Repair Schemes. To find out more about which properties qualify for these grants and how to make a claim, please read our [‘Mitigation Schemes’](#).



**Good news!** Technological advances have enabled aircraft to become much quieter since we started our Sound Insulation Grant Scheme in 1972. Modern aeroplanes are 20-30 decibels quieter than early jet aircraft.

## 22 NEW GRANTS AWARDED TO LOCAL GOOD CAUSES

At the January meeting of the Community Trust Fund, our trustees committed £23,759 to 22 organisations from Stockport, Trafford, Manchester and Tameside, bringing our total to 72 projects supported in the financial year.

Among those awarded funds at the latest meeting were BLOOM Allotments project at the LEAP Children & Families Centre in Hyde. The group will receive £3,000 towards refurbishment of a woodshed, where the group holds community workshops. They were presented with a cheque by

Cllr Bill Fairfoull, a Community Trust Fund trustee, and Jonathan Reynolds MP, who visited for a tour of the project in February. In April we were pleased to support Friends of the Moor with £3000 towards a Trim Trail and the Indian Choir with £1950 towards Traditional Indian Instruments in October.

Interested and want to know more? Perhaps you’re a member of a scout group, sing in a choir or work with a food bank? Community Groups can apply for grants of up to £3000. There’s more information about how to apply on our [website](#).



## MANCHESTER AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW CHAIR

Manchester Airport is committed to keeping our users and neighbours informed about how we operate as a business – and listening to their feedback.

One way we do this is through the Manchester Airport Consultative Committee (MACC), which was set up in 1969. Quarterly meetings provide an opportunity for information exchange between the airport and members and are a structured forum for discussion – find out more [here](#).

MACC Chairman Steve Wilkinson who has held the position for more than 20 years has recently retired and we are delighted to welcome Cllr Rachel Bailey as the new Chair.



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

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

A group of pupils from three Greater Manchester schools learnt how their career prospects could take off in the years ahead, as they heard from women in a range of aviation roles at a special International Women's Day event at Manchester Airport's AeroZone.

Among those speaking to the pupils from Manchester Enterprise Academy,



Fred Longworth High School & The King David High School was 29-year-old Amy Bannister, a TUI pilot.

Amy was joined by many other Manchester Airport employees, who talked pupils through their roles, took questions and led group discussions whilst the students enjoyed a buffet lunch.

Date for your diary:

Our next Airport jobs fair will be taking place at the Wythenshawe Forum on 26th April 2023.

## OVER 80 TRAINEES LAND THEIR DREAM AVIATION ROLE!

The Airport Academy at Manchester Airport supports local residents into careers and roles at Manchester Airport. The free two-week training course supports unemployed adults with meaningful skills to secure a role on-site.

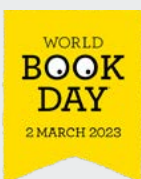
Training includes developing an understanding of the Aviation industry and developing both employability and customer service skills to 'land that dream aviation role'; alongside a guaranteed interview. The Airport Academy offers free 'step into Aviation taster sessions' each fortnight for those who want to 'taste' over one day what the Academy can offer.

In 2022 over 140 adults were trained and over 80 secured roles within Manchester Airport. The Airport Academy are working with many employers now and have hundreds of roles available. Since November the Airport Academy team has committed to over 50 local and bespoke outreach events to support residents within Wythenshawe, Stockport, Trafford and central Manchester. In February the Airport Academy also delivered very successful Manchester Airport Jobs fair at Elliot House, Deansgate which was attended by over 500 jobs seekers and 30 on-site employers.

You can find out more about our Airport Academy by contacting [mag.academies@magairports.com](mailto:mag.academies@magairports.com) and if you are currently looking for a job, please visit our dedicated [careers website](#) to see our vacancies.



## WORLD BOOK DAY



Some of our team, along with colleagues from partner businesses, recently attended two local primary schools – Peel Hall and Manor Park

– to read to the children as part of World Book Day celebrations.

Andy Clarke, Head of Corporate Affairs, treated year 5 at Peel Hall to a reading from the latest David Walliams book, and said "World Book Day was a great chance to get out of the office and share why books are so important.

As well as reading, I had some questions I've never been asked before, like who is the most famous person I've met at the airport. A really enjoyable way to spend an hour helping to get kids excited about reading!".

## OVER 100 LOCAL BUSINESSES AT OUR FIRST MEET THE BUYERS EVENT

In March we were excited to host our inaugural 'Meet the Buyers' event, with more than 200 attendees from over 100 local businesses taking the opportunity to connect directly with key prospective clients in the Greater Manchester area.

Small and medium-sized businesses in sectors as varied as construction, IT and business services were in attendance, networking with around two dozen major buyers and taking part in more than 800 meetings across the day.

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## NEW PARTNERSHIP TAKES US CLOSER TO JET ZERO

Here at Manchester Airport, we're committed to securing a net zero-carbon future for the aviation industry. In an exciting step forward, we were delighted to partner with HyNet, one of the UK's leading Government-backed industrial decarbonisation projects, at the end of last year.

The partnership aims to explore how Manchester could become the first UK airport with a direct supply of hydrogen fuel. HyNet is a major infrastructure project that will build a pipeline to capture (and safely store) carbon dioxide from industrial emitters across the north west region; and supply them with much cleaner hydrogen to fuel their operations, as an alternative to natural gas. Connecting to the pipeline will enable Manchester Airport to offer hydrogen fuel to our 60+ airlines when the next generation of hydrogen-fuelled aircraft come into operation – currently expected to be in the mid-2030s. We're looking forward to a greener, more sustainable future for aviation – and for our local community!



## MAN-TP BRINGS NEW COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL VALUE

You may have seen that in January, Manchester Airport announced phase two of its £1.3 billion transformation programme, the largest investment ever made at Manchester Airport.

Manchester's transformation programme started in 2017 and has already seen Terminal 2 more than double in size. The second phase will complete the transformation of Terminal 2, delivering a modern, state-of-the-art passenger experience throughout, and introducing an even greater array of shops, restaurants, and other facilities for those travelling through it.

On the airfield, work will be carried out to greatly improve the efficiency and flexibility of operations, unlocking more flights to a wide range of destinations around the world.

Because the Airport is committed to a sustainable future and providing benefits to our communities whilst minimising our impact on the environment; A key element of the Transformation Programme is leaving a lasting legacy and ensuring that people and businesses from the region benefit from the development.

During the construction phase MAN-TP delivery partner Mace, and its supply chain partners will engage 1,500 young people across Greater Manchester, aim to raise £70,000 for local charities and donate 500 hours of employee volunteering time. More than 500 jobs will be created in the construction phase alone with at least 5% of the workforce being apprentices.



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