

STANSTED AIRPORT

COMMUNITY flyer

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FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



WELCOME

Welcome to the winter edition of our quarterly e-newsletter, The Stansted Flyer. The Christmas holiday period is not only a busy time for passengers travelling through our airport, but we also have a fantastic team of colleagues spreading the joy of Christmas through our local charitable work.

The end of 2024 was busy for us as we helped thousands of people get away safely for their festive breaks or make their way home for Christmas. Over 1.3 million passengers travelled through the airport between December 20 and January 5.

As well as helping our customers, we are proud to support our local communities all year round and at Christmas time the London Stansted Airport team like to go the extra mile.

In December, I lent a hand wrapping some of the hundreds of gifts we gave away to local people – see below and the [Local Voices](#) page for more details.

As we look forward to another busy year at Stansted, I hope 2025 is a happy and successful one for you and your family.

GARETH POWELL
Managing Director



GIFTMAS GIVING DONATES 2180 GIFTS TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

This year we repeated our pledge that no vulnerable person in our neighbouring communities should wake up on Christmas morning without a gift.

We were met with an overwhelming response from our incredible colleagues and on-site businesses who generously donated around 250 gifts while the airport sponsored 100 Christmas Puddings, with our Senior Leadership Team stepped in to wrap and distribute the gifts in our local area.

Beneficiaries have included local schools who received packs of reading books and hampers, [Uttlesford Foodbank](#), [Grove Cottage](#) in Bishop's Stortford, [The Wellbeloved Club](#) in Sawbridgeworth and [Company at Christmas](#) who received 120 boxes of matchmakers while providing a warm and welcoming Christmas Day dinner for those who might otherwise spend the day alone.





OH NO WE DIDN'T!

On Monday 30th December some of Santa's Airport helpers popped into South Mill Arts to spread some post-Christmas festive cheer.

We gave out 180 tickets to this year's pantomime 'Robin Hood' via community centres and food banks, to offer local families a fun festive day out.



FLYING THE FLAGSHIP FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The London Stansted Airport Community fund committee met in December to review applications for our Flagship Award, a grant of up to £50,000 awarded once a year to a local group looking to complete a larger project and past recipients have included Grove Cottage, MENCAP and TouchPoint.

This year we were overwhelmed with amazing applications and the meeting was hotly contested, with the committee eventually deciding to split the grant between two deserving recipients – The Parent Hood of Harlow CIC who will receive £20,000 towards replacing their roof and Molehill Green Village Hall will receive £30,000 to provide them with permanent electrics for the building. We're passionate about supporting our neighbours and it was a tough decision for the committee to decide where our funds would have the most impact.

LOCAL GOOD CAUSES GET A HELPING HAND FROM AIRPORT FUND

Local organisations were celebrating in December after receiving a boost from the London Stansted Airport Community Fund (SACF).

We were delighted to be able to award over £40,000 to 10 projects across Essex and Hertfordshire that are making a real difference in the local community.

The SACF offers grants of up to £5,000 to projects aimed at improving community

life, the environment and conservation within a 10-mile radius of the airport. The independent committee representing local authorities and airport stakeholders meets quarterly to discuss applicants and decide how the funds will be distributed.

So far this year the fund has donated more than £200,000 to charities and community groups in the surrounding area.



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THE SKY'S THE LIMIT AS LONDON STANSTED AEROZONE CELEBRATES 25,000th VISITOR!

On 28th November, London Stansted Airport reached a major milestone, welcoming its 25,000th visitor since opening in 2015.

This significant milestone was celebrated with a special-aviation themed event for 30 excited pupils from Forest Hall School in Stansted Mountfitchet, who got a hands on look at how airports work.

After learning about the history of their local airport, students were given an insight into the future of Stansted with talks from Anita Harrison, Customer Operations Director and Marlon Osborne, Security Change Director.

Jennifer Crossling, Senior Education and Employment Manager at London Stansted, said: "This isn't just about reaching a big number. It's about the thousands of young people who've discovered new possibilities here."

The Aerozone has proven so popular with local schools that it is now fully booked until next summer. The centre offers children aged 4 to 18 the chance to try aviation-themed science and engineering activities, while learning about how a busy international airport operates behind the scenes.



"Some might become pilots, engineers, or air traffic controllers, others might invent something that changes how we fly."

STANSTED AIRPORT MEET THE BUYERS EVENT

London Stansted Airport
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Local businesses seize opportunities as London Stansted's £1.1 billion transformation opens new doors

Nearly 300 local businesses gathered at London Stansted's latest Meet the Buyers event looking to secure contracts linked to the airport's £1.1 billion transformation project. Now in its 23rd year, the event brought together businesses from across the region, all ready to pitch their products and services to 30 major buyers including Fado, Galliford Try, Kier, Mace, LPL Construction and London Stansted.

The event, held on 28th November at the Radisson Blu Hotel, kicked off with

Mike Hardaker, Chief Airport Asset and Development Officer, sharing exciting updates on Stansted's transformation and encouraging local businesses to get involved. He said: "Over the last 23 years, Meet the Buyers has become a key event for local businesses. As the airport grows, we have big plans to improve our facilities, handle more passengers, and make the airport experience better for everyone. We're committed to working closely with the local community, and we want to make sure that local businesses benefit from all the new opportunities that are coming with this major development. Local businesses

PROVIDING CAREERS INSPIRATION

Across the autumn term, the Stansted team have supported **8 careers events attended by over 4,000 students in the local area.**

Raising awareness of careers in the aviation industry, colleagues attending spoke to students about the variety of roles available at London Stansted Airport, our apprenticeship opportunities and ran workshops supporting the development of key soft skills helping prepare students for the world of work.



EXPLORING AVIATION

A massive thank you to all who have given up a couple hours of their time and volunteered to take part in conducting Mock Interviews.

The mock interviews are part of Stansted Academy's 'Exploring Aviation' course where we invite MAG employees to come and interview our learners for 15/20 minutes each to help prepare them for the real thing at the end of the course.

Since April of this year, we have had over 40 volunteers from a variety of departments across the business and the feedback has been amazing.

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WHY ELECTRIC?

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

The introduction of electric minibuses reflects our commitment to not only improving airport operations but also protecting the environment for the communities that surround us.

By reducing air pollution and minimizing noise, we're helping to create a better quality of life for local residents while demonstrating how innovation can drive sustainability.

THE BIGGER PICTURE

This initiative is one part of our broader Zero Carbon Airports Strategy, which includes investments in renewable energy, sustainable aviation fuel and community-focused projects.

As we progress, we hope to inspire others to join us in building a future where both travel and sustainability go hand-in-hand.

WORKING TOGETHER

Sustainability is a journey we undertake together. We are grateful for the support of our employees, partners and the local community as we implement innovative solutions to reduce our environmental impact.

We look forward to sharing more updates about our progress and how we're working to make East Midlands Airport a global leader in sustainability.

Let's move toward a greener tomorrow—one step and one electric vehicle, at a time!

DRIVING SUSTAINABILITY FORWARD: ELECTRIC MINIBUSES AT LONDON STANSTED AIRPORT

As part of our commitment to a sustainable future and achieving our zero-carbon goals, we are proud to announce the introduction of a new fleet of electric minibuses at London Stansted Airport.

These cutting-edge vehicles, now operating 24/7, play a vital role in supporting our operational teams while drastically reducing emissions.

Our zero-carbon drive is at the heart of our operations and these minibuses

are a significant step forward. Replacing traditional fuel-powered vehicles, the new fleet demonstrates our focus on reducing reliance on fossil fuels and leading the charge toward greener, cleaner transportation solutions.

The electric minibuses are specially designed for efficient, reliable and quiet service. They are used across the airport's airside and landside operations, ensuring essential services continue seamlessly, while also contributing to a healthier environment for staff and visitors.



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[Aerozone Stansted – Stansted Airport Community Network](#)

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