



# Your Airport News

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"I would like to welcome you to our latest edition of Your Airport News and update you on what has been a busy but very challenging last few months. Since May, the airport has returned to a more 'normal' status with the Airport fully operational and we now fly to over 65 destinations. With an ever-increasing pent-up demand for travel, we are working tirelessly with our partners and our customers who want to go on a much-earned break as well as reuniting family and friends with loved ones. I hope you've had a good summer and we look forward to seeing you soon here at Bristol Airport." Dave Lees, CEO, Bristol Airport



## Mass Hot Air Balloon Ascent

Back in July we hosted a mass hot air balloon ascent in a bid to set a new world record for the number of balloons launched from an international airport. The event, which was run in conjunction with North Somerset Council and run by Exclusive Ballooning, launched over 30 hot air balloons from our runway to take part in this year's Exclusive Cup Competition as North Somerset hosts the UK's largest hot air balloon race.



## Speak Up For Travel

On Wednesday 23rd June, Bristol Airport joined with colleagues and businesses from across the aviation and travel industries including airlines, airports, tour operators, travel agents, suppliers and partners to raise awareness of the challenges facing the travel industry and to ask the UK Government to safely reinstate a risk-managed approach to a safe return to international travel.



## Local Community

### Local Community Drop-In Sessions

Here at Bristol Airport we are committed to staying in touch with our local community. We understand the importance of listening and hearing the opinions of our local communities. As we have started to ease our way out of the pandemic, we are now reintroducing our regular 'drop-in' sessions for our local neighbours. These sessions provide an opportunity for us to listen to any issues and concerns there may be in relation to our operations. We can confirm our next drop-in session will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 between 11:00 - 13:00 at the Hampton Hotel, Bristol Airport. If you would like to book an appointment, please e-mail us at: [yourairport@bristolairport.com](mailto:yourairport@bristolairport.com).



### Local Community Fund

Our Local Community Fund, which helps and supports local businesses and communities, is at the heart of what is important at Bristol Airport and we take great responsibility to support worthwhile projects in our area. Since the Fund commenced in 2012, we have donated over £1.2 million pounds to local projects. One of the recent successful projects was Wrington Cricket Club after they were awarded funding to purchase covers for their cricket wicket.

To find out more information on the Local Community Fund and to apply, visit > <https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/community/local-community>



### Furniture Donation to the British Heart Foundation

This month we partnered with the British Heart Foundation in Weston-Super-Mare to offer a large donation of tables and chairs from one of our restaurants. In total 20 tables and 61 chairs were donated to the charity. The donation will go directly towards helping raise funds for the charity.



## **Lufthansa Inaugural Flight**

In August we welcomed Lufthansa to Bristol Airport for the first of their flights to Frankfurt. The route will provide an exciting city break destination and open the door for multiple onward connections for leisure travellers. It will also open as a key route for business to and from the South West and strengthening the regions accessibility to Germany.



## **Jet2.com & Jet2holidays launches from Bristol Airport**

At the beginning of July, Jet2.com and Jet2holidays launched its tenth UK base from Bristol Airport. The launch of the airline will create more than 200 jobs for flight and cabin crew, engineers and ground operations staff. Also, the introduction of the airline will provide significant investment and increase the choice of destinations and holidays available to customers in the region.



## **Sustainability Initiatives**

### **Bristol Airport to be the first Net Zero UK airport**

This summer, we announced that Bristol Airport will achieve being a carbon neutral airport four years ahead of schedule, reducing the time scale from 2025 to 2021. We have also set an ambitious target as we aim to achieve being a Net Zero airport operations by 2030, 20 years ahead of the Government target date. Our three key commitments to reach net zero by 2030 are to be a net zero airfield, with net zero buildings and operate a net zero fleet of vehicles.



### **Aviation Carbon Transition (ACT) Programme**

Last month, we launched our brand-new Innovation Fund to kick start and fast track decarbonisation initiatives in the South West. The £250,000 Aviation Carbon Transition (ACT) Programme will support initiatives and projects reducing direct and indirect emissions from airport infrastructure to enable lower/zero emissions; research and development of decarbonisation or alternative fuels for use by airlines and design and develop processes and procedures to eliminate emissions.



### **Bristol Airport partners with easyJet on sustainability initiatives**

We have recently announced a new partnership with easyJet to align on a long-term strategic goal around sustainability and net-zero emissions. The partnership will involve a series of trials all geared towards the overall ambition to achieve a net-zero emissions turnaround at the airport alongside taking steps to contribute positively towards reducing easyJet's overall carbon footprint. More information on the partnership will follow in the next edition of Your Airport News.



## **Our local community newsletter – Your Airport News**



We have recently launched a brand-new electronic community newsletter. Local residents can now sign-up on our online form and receive news about what's been going on in and around the airport including events, new routes, sustainability initiatives, the local community fund and much more. To sign-up to receive "Your Airport News" newsletter visit our website at: <https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/community/local-community-newsletter>.

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