

# Heathrow Community Bulletin

SUMMER 2020



The Heathrow Community Rangers delivering 60,000 liquids bags to a local hospital.

## Covid-19 response

### NHS MASK DONATION

Heathrow has donated 16,000 FFP3 facemasks to local hospitals and Thames Valley Air Ambulance, as well as 60,000 liquids bags to West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust for staff to keep their belongings safe.

The airport has also made donations to local foodbanks and community groups, including Colnbrook Cares, Reach Feltham and Stanwell Foodbank.

As a major employer in the local community, Heathrow was ready to step up by sharing our resources during the pandemic.

## Covid -19 response

### LAPTOPS FOR SCHOOLS

A total of 71 laptops have now been donated to local primary schools around the airport over the last two months, from funds that have been donated by the Heathrow Exec team and raised through the recycling of airport IT equipment. The donated laptops mean pupils, who previously didn't have access to a device, will be able to learn from home. When the laptops are no longer required by children learning at home, they will be used in class to support more children.

### [Online educational resources](#)

have been developed by Heathrow to help support with home schooling. Through these resources, students can design an airport terminal, learn about the airport's history, test their knowledge of geography, and see what it's like to work in cargo or communications at the airport.



## EXPANSION UPDATE

On 27 February 2020, the Court of Appeal provided its judgments on the judicial review claims against the Government's decision to publish the Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS) - this is the policy which provides policy support for a new north-west runway at Heathrow. Although the Court supported the Government on the majority of the issues being judged, the Court decided against the Government on the one related to climate change. This means that the ANPS is now suspended unless and until a review of it is undertaken by the Government. The judgment made clear that the Court did not decide that there will be no third runway at Heathrow, nor that a national policy supporting expansion is necessarily incompatible with the UK's climate change commitments. Our appeal is due to be heard by the Supreme Court on 7 and 8 October 2020.

Although responding to the impacts of Covid-19 is our priority right now, we do believe that once the benefits of air travel and connectivity have been restored in years to come, increased demand will mean that an expanded Heathrow will be required. This privately funded project will see billions of pounds pumped into the UK's economy, stimulating sectors across the country and creating tens of thousands of new jobs. We remain committed to doing the right thing as a neighbour to the communities living closest to the airport.

## SOUTHERN RUNWAY

Repair works to the southern runway will begin in the week commencing 13 July 2020.

To undertake the repairs, we will need to close the southern runway, meaning we will only operate from the northern runway during certain time periods. This will mean communities affected by flights using the northern runway will experience more aircraft noise than they currently do today, whilst those communities usually affected by flights using the southern runway will experience less aircraft noise. We appreciate that this will be disruptive for local communities and we have planned our works to minimise this disruption.

We anticipate that these works will continue into September and possibly through to October. Click on [our website](#) for more information about the repair works.

## HEATHROW COMMUNITY RANGERS

Over the last few months, the Rangers have swapped their usual activities of gardening and litter-picking in two of our neighbouring communities, to support the community during Covid-19.

They've spent time delivering donations to local foodbanks as well as barriers to Colnbrook Primary School to help them divide up their playground into bubbles. They've undertaken food deliveries for Slough CVS (community support run by Slough Borough Council) and each fortnight they've delivered 500 learning packs to children at William Byrd Primary Academy. They were very grateful for the lovely handmade cards from children at William Byrd.

The Rangers will now begin to transition back to their usual activities.



## OPERATIONS UPDATE

In April, Heathrow moved to single runway operations due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Covid-19 has had a significant impact on Heathrow's operations, with passenger traffic and the number of flights operating in and out of Heathrow, significantly lower than we would normally expect.

During 2017-2019, we averaged around 1,300 flight movements per day. In contrast, over the last three months these figures have reduced to an average of 845 (March), 177 (April) and 223 (May).

With the relaxing of quarantine measures from lower risk countries, and as other countries begin to ease travel restrictions and emerge from lockdown, we are expecting to see an increase in passengers flying through Heathrow. Many airlines have already indicated that they will begin gradually resuming services in July to coincide with the easing of restrictions.

Based on our latest forecast and the information we currently have available to us we are expecting to see between 300-450 flight movements a day during July. However, this may vary as airline schedules are continuously being revised due to the current circumstances and are therefore much more unpredictable the further ahead you look.

## HEATHROW COMMUNITIES TEAM

Becky Coffin is the new Director of Communities at Heathrow. She previously worked in the team as Head of Strategic Partnerships, and before this, was part of Heathrow's sustainability team, as Head of Sustainability and Environment.

Darielle Proctor takes over as Heathrow's Community Engagement & Investment Lead. Previous to this role, she led Heathrow's Stakeholder Management Team.

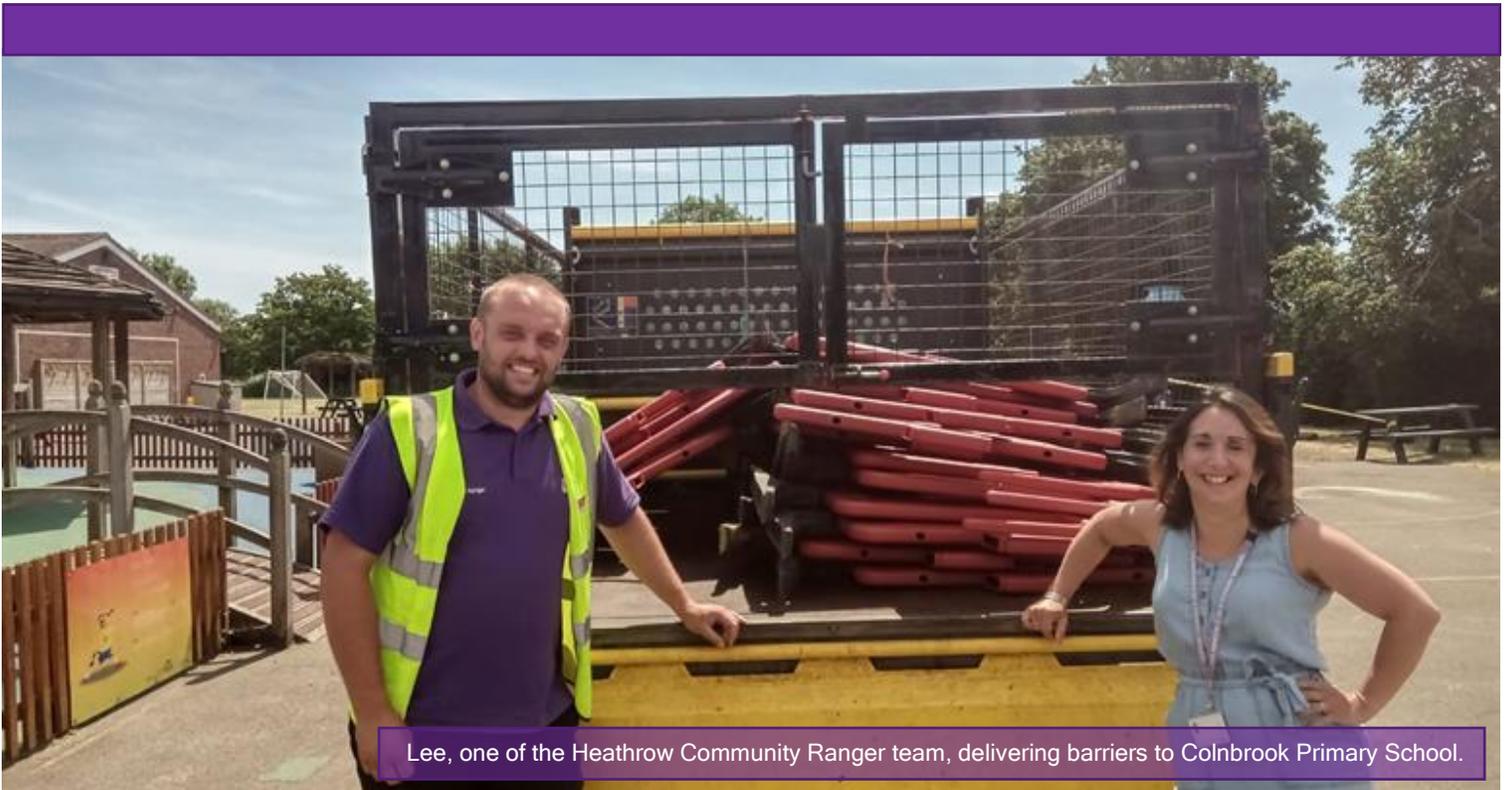
Lydia Thacker is the new Community Engagement Manager and Elizabeth Beale continues in the team, moving into the position of Community and Charity Partnership Manager.

## CONTACT US

As always, our team is here to help with any questions you have about Heathrow. Please do get in touch via the following:

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Lee, one of the Heathrow Community Ranger team, delivering barriers to Colnbrook Primary School.