

# Heathrow

## Community Bulletin

Summer 2021



### HEATHROW'S RESPONSIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAMME

As lockdown restrictions eased, this summer we saw Heathrow colleagues venturing out into the community again to undertake volunteer work.

Over the course of the summer term, our five local primary schools benefitted from a programme of interactive learning sessions.

The programme was delivered with the help of Heathrow volunteers, designed to introduce children to the world of work, to bring the airport to life in the classroom, and to help children to develop key skills.



Children at Colnbrook Primary, William Byrd, Harmondsworth Primary, Heathrow Primary and Pippins Primary had great fun participating in different career-based activities, from simulated x-ray screen reading, designing posters for marketing campaigns, to working in teams to run their own aviation companies and selling their designs in a simulated free market.

### HEATHROW RANGERS

Our Heathrow Community Rangers continue to support the villages neighbouring the airport.

In July, our Heathrow colleagues spent time volunteering alongside the Rangers, including painting the trim trail at Pippins Primary School, weeding the woodland walk at Colnbrook Primary, and pruning and tidying outdoor space at St Thomas' Church.

The Rangers have also been working closely with Hillingdon Mind and Harmondsworth Allotments to build planters and they continue to undertake work in the communities of Stanwell and Stanwell Moor, Colnbrook and Poyle.

If you live in one of Heathrow's neighbouring villages, and have an idea about how the Rangers could help your community, please get in touch: [communityrelations@heathrow.com](mailto:communityrelations@heathrow.com)



## HEATHROW VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Heathrow held a virtual work experience week for local pupils designed to develop their employability skills, to raise aspirations, and to inspire them to work at the airport in the future.

The programme involved 11 Team Heathrow employers with 16 colleagues delivering live webinars, including Chief Solutions Officer, Chris Garton.

More than 400 students from 33 schools took part in the programme. The week provided students with a variety of digital experiences including webinars, quizzes and group activities, allowing them to learn about the airport and bring their studies to life with real-world industry examples.

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## HEATHROW YOUNG EXPLORERS

Heathrow Young Explorers is the airport's new challenge for Year 6 pupils across the local area.

The hands-on challenge is linked to the school curriculum and was established to inspire the next generation to consider a career at the airport.

Heathrow's vision is to give passengers the best airport service in the world and in doing so, ensure we are as sustainable as possible. As Young Explorers, pupils will come up with a design idea for transport solutions that will make travel throughout the airport even more sustainable.

The challenge provides an enjoyable way for Year 6 pupils to explore roles at the airport while developing core Heathrow 'World of Work' skills.

So far this year we have delivered 38 sessions in 20 schools.



## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

We are currently on dual runway operations as usual, alternating at 15:00 when we are on westerly operations to provide local communities with respite.

Last month we outlined how we expected to see between 510-800 flight movements during August, with ongoing daily variation as we have seen throughout the pandemic and a steady build expected through the month. The lowest daily number of flights in the month was 539 (3 August) and the highest was 726 (29 August), well within our predicted range.

Our forecast for September ranges between 600-850 flight movements a day, with a large range due to continuing daily variation, the end of the Summer holiday period and uncertainty on whether further restrictions might be lifted and the outcome of the upcoming Global Travel Taskforce review.

To find out more information about how flight operations at Heathrow can affect noise in your area, including take-offs and landings, night flights and runway noise, visit our [Local Community](#) website.

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## Travel Industry Joins Forces to Reunite Brits and Celebrate 75 Years of Heathrow

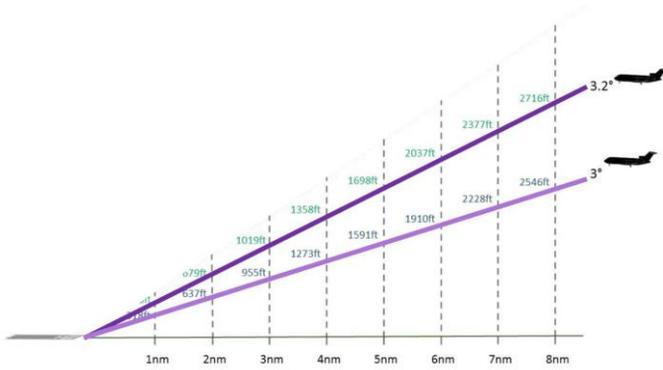
Heathrow is celebrating the safe reopening of international travel and its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary by teaming up with over ten industry partners including British Airways and Virgin Atlantic to make thousands of pounds' worth of free flights and experiences available to passengers travelling from the airport.

The scheme launches as new research reveals two in three Brits (62%) haven't seen some of their loved ones in over a year, with the typical family now having a distance of 1,724 miles between them and their furthest away loved one, the equivalent of travelling from London Heathrow to Tenerife, Istanbul or Moscow. One in three people said reuniting with friends and family is the driving force behind wanting to travel again. For more information take a look at our [Come Fly Again](#) website.

## SLIGHTLY STEEPER APPROACHES

Heathrow received approval in August from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to implement Slightly Steeper Approaches (SSA) at the airport. These approaches have been in operation on a temporary basis following trials held between 2015 and 2017 and will now be made permanent by the end of this year.

Most aircraft arriving at Heathrow fly a standard 3-degree approach angle, like most airports around the world. When aircraft fly SSAs, they fly higher for longer. The trials demonstrated that this helps to reduce the noise footprint on the ground. This is the first major airspace change Heathrow has successfully transitioned through the Government's new airspace change process introduced in 2018.



## AIRSPACE MODERNISATION

Heathrow has committed to playing its part in the Government's Airspace Modernisation Strategy – the national programme to modernise and upgrade the UK's airspace.

Heathrow was previously progressing airspace modernisation via an Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) for airport expansion and consulted widely on these plans in 2018 and 2019. However, with expansion now paused, we have submitted a new ACP to the CAA to progress the necessary changes based on the existing two-runway operation.

This new ACP will seek to redesign flight paths to and from the existing runways using newer technologies, such as satellite-based navigation. It is anticipated that new flight paths will be implemented in 2027 to 2029, following a full public consultation on final flight path options around 2025.

The ACP is broken into seven stages. In the first stage, Heathrow submitted its 'Statement of Need' to the CAA in July using the publicly accessible airspace change portal.

In September we plan to begin engagement with stakeholders to help generate a list of design principles. These outline the key requirements that must be met by any airspace design to meet the ambition set out in our Statement of Need, including policy, safety, environmental and operational factors.



## HEATHROW COMMUNITY TRUST

The Heathrow Community Trust (HCT) has just issued its second round of community funding for the year, totalling just over £62,000 funded by the National Lottery.

The aim of the Programme is to support organisations to continue to deliver vital services to people and communities affected by COVID-19.

The projects that received funding included:

- ✓ The Purple Elephant Project – for therapeutic interventions for children in need of mental health support following the COVID-19 pandemic
- ✓ Ball Out Community – basketball sessions in Hillingdon for 5-18 year-olds
- ✓ Punjabi Theatre Academy – for arts-based weekly Zoom sessions

## HEATHROW HONEY HARVEST

Heathrow's Environment team has recently had its first honey harvest for 2021. Despite it being a slow and difficult start for bees due to poor weather conditions, the team was able to harvest 22 frames of honey for spinning.

A few volunteers from Heathrow's Technical Services joined the team in August to help put the honey into jars.

A huge thanks to [Green Corridor](#) for providing the team with the space to spin and jar the honey, as well as providing delicious lunches.

The team ended the day with 64 jars of Heathrow honey.



## CONTACT US:

As always, our team is here to help with any questions you have about Heathrow. Please get in touch – either give us a call or drop us an email:

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## TERMINAL DROP OFF CHARGE

From October 2021, Heathrow will be introducing a charge for vehicles dropping off passengers at its terminal forecourts. A £5 charge per visit will apply to use the designated drop-off zones located directly outside the airport terminals.

The Terminal Drop-Off Charge will apply to all vehicles entering the forecourts of Heathrow's terminals, although some exceptions will apply, such as blue badge holders and emergency vehicles. The forecourts are the easiest and quickest way to drop off passengers.

Our car parks remain available, and normal charges apply. This will not impact passenger pick up, which should continue via the car parks, as picking up passengers is not permitted on the terminal forecourts.

For more information please visit our [Terminal Drop Off Charge Webpages](#)