



Your Airport News

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"I would like to welcome you to our latest edition of Your Airport News. As the UK starts to ease its way out of the latest lockdown, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on what has been going on over the past few months here at Bristol Airport. Whilst the airport has been open for essential travel only, we have now started to see a strong return to domestic travel and we are very positive for a busy year ahead. As always, the safety of our passengers and employees will remain our number one priority as we start to open once again. I would like to thank all our customers and local residents for their co-operation during this challenging past year and everyone here at Bristol Airport are excited to see you soon."



Connecting family and friends



Over the past year we have all been using different ways to stay connected with loved ones, from online quizzes to virtual coffee and cake catch-ups but as the UK starts to ease its way out of the latest lockdown, we want to play our part in connecting friends and family with those who might not have seen each other for over a year.

To help connect loved ones we have welcomed a return to some of our key domestic routes with regular flights to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Belfast (easyJet), Jersey (Blue Islands) and routes to the North East with Newcastle (easyJet) and now Teesside (Loganair).

Whilst we did see a short period of time when Portugal was the first of our foreign destinations to be added to the UK Government's 'green list' of countries, we remain very optimistic to see more countries added to the 'green list' over the coming months.

Community

Local community fund

In 2020 Bristol Airport's Local Community Fund donated over £93,000 to 22 different organisations in the local area ranging from grants of £300 to £10,000. This means that since the Community Fund commenced in 2012 the airport has granted more than £1.1 million pounds. The Fund's Management Committee includes representatives from both Bristol Airport and North Somerset Council and is independently chaired. One of the committee members, Councillor Steve Bridger, has commented on the benefits of the Local Community Fund on our local residents:

"I'm delighted the Community Fund was able to support such an inclusive local project run by such a passionate team. The two adaptive bikes for the Strawberry Line café will enable those people with additional needs to experience the great outdoors and enjoy the company of others as the COVID restrictions are gradually relaxed."



Charitable donations to help our local community



In February Bristol Airport donated ten laptops to help the students at Merchants' Academy in Withywood, Bristol. The laptops went directly towards helping the most vulnerable students from Merchants' Academy to get online and study at home during what was a very challenging time.

The airport recently gave a large food donation to Help Bristol's Homeless charity from one of our restaurants and also a donation of cutlery and kitchenware to Zion Community Café in Bedminster Down in December.

Lufthansa announces daily service from Bristol to Frankfurt

In February we announced Lufthansa will be operating a new daily service from Bristol to Frankfurt Airport starting this Summer. This route will provide an exciting city break destination and open the door for multiple onward connections for leisure travellers. This is the first Frankfurt service for Lufthansa from Bristol strengthening the South West's accessibility to Germany.



Jet2.com & Jet2holidays to launch from Bristol Airport this Summer

In our last Your Airport News we announced that Jet2.com & Jet2holidays will be launching its tenth UK base from Bristol Airport. We can confirm the first Jet2 flights will be jetting off this Summer flying to 33 destinations across Europe. This will provide a significant investment for the region and an increase in the choice of destinations and holidays available to customers.



Sustainability Initiatives

Installation of new solar panels on our Car Rental reception



This Summer we have plans to instal solar panels on top of our Car Rental reception making it the first Carbon Neutral building here at Bristol Airport. The clean energy system is estimated to generate 210,000kWh of clean energy per year.

We have set a target of being carbon neutral by 2025, putting Bristol Airport at the forefront of carbon reduction in the UK airport sector. Our ultimate objective is to become net zero by 2050, in line with the commitment made by the European airport industry, to which Bristol Airport was amongst the first signatories.

Centreline introduces sustainable aviation Fuel

Back in March we announced Centreline, our aviation business partner, has become the first independent company in the South West to use Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF). Centreline has invested in the infrastructure to supply SAF as part of its commitment to reduce the environmental impact of its operations with a target of becoming carbon neutral by 2025.

The fuel is blended with traditional Jet A1 meaning there are no differences in aircraft ground handling requirements or fuel efficiency for the aircraft it is supplied to. The fuel's journey to Bristol Airport is also ensured by Air BP to be carbon offset.



Our local community newsletter – Your Airport News



This month we have 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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