

Southampton Airport in the Community

Winter 2022

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At Southampton Airport, we are proud to be part of the communities we serve. As a regional airport, we are deeply committed to being a responsible and supportive neighbour. As such, our leadership reports regularly to the Airport Consultative Committee.

We also maintain long-term relationships with local community groups across Eastleigh and Southampton, including Youth Options, SO18, Townhill Park Residents' Association, Abri, and a number of local schools in Bitterne Park, Mansbridge, and Townhill.

In this newsletter, we thought you would like to see some of the ways in which Southampton Airport has supported your communities in recent months.

If you have any questions, or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us via soufeedback@southamptonairport.com



Airport staff at Youth Options

Supporting Youth Options

In February, the airport team rolled up their sleeves to help our charity partner **Youth Options**.

The charity aims to empower young people to grow in confidence and improve their mental health through engagement with nature. We helped the group plant around 200 hedgerow and tree saplings at their recently opened Outdoor Learning Centre.

Supporting TPRA, Abri & SO18



Christmas at Marhill

Townhill Little Library

In December, the airport supported the launch of TPRA's new "Little Library".

The new mobile library was an initiative from a local family and we were delighted to work with Eastleigh Men's Shed and local businesses to deliver it in time for Christmas.



Marhill Christmas Lights

To help spread festive cheer, the airport team worked closely with SO18, TPRA, and local neighbours to put together a fabulous Christmas lights walk through Marhill Copse.

The event proved popular with residents, and we hope it brightened spirits at the end of a very long 2021.

Halloween

In October, we were pleased to support Halloween events for TPRA in Townhill and for Abri in Mansbridge.

We were delighted to provide a number of scary treats and ghoulish goody bags for local children.

We hear everyone had a spooky time!



Spooky goody bags

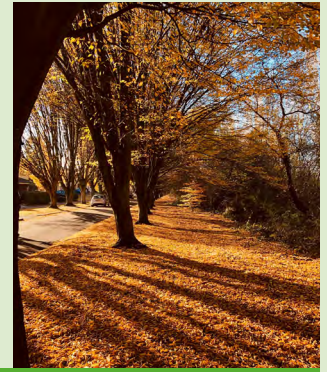
Working with the community at Marlhill Copse

Autumn photography competition

As stewards of Marlhill Copse, we know that the woodland is a much-loved part of Southampton's natural environment.

To help connect the community to the changing seasons at Marlhill, we partnered with local community groups to organise a photography competition to capture Autumn in the Copse.

We received a wonderful range of pictures from residents – the top three entries received a prize and were shared on the airport's social media.



The winning entry & the runner-up in our Marlhill photography competition

Supporting local schools

Townhill Infants School

In November, the airport was pleased to help Townhill Infant School buy new books and play equipment for children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2:

"We were very grateful to receive a donation from Southampton Airport. We have used this to fund equipment for all the children to use at play and lunchtime."

"This will enhance their play, develop their co-operation and most importantly ensure they have fun during their play and lunch breaks." - Headteacher, Townhill Infant School

Mansbridge Primary School

In December, the airport was pleased support the provision of new books at Mansbridge Primary School.

Southampton Airport made contributions through an Usborne Books scheme, which sees Usborne provide an additional £100 for every £200 donated

This partnership delivered **£1,000 worth of books** to Mansbridge Primary.

"Thank you very much to Southampton Airport for supporting Mansbridge Primary School by donating so generously to our Usborne Community Book Pledge fundraising initiative. Your donation has enabled us to purchase a wide range of vital reading resources for our school. Each class has been able to make their own choices of books to be added to their class libraries, which is a wonderful way of promoting reading for pleasure."

Deputy Headteacher



New play equipment at Townhill Infant School



New books for Mansbridge Primary

If you would like more information on Southampton Airport's work in the local community, or would like to ask any questions, please contact our communications team via soufeedback@southamptonairport.com

To find out more about Marlhill Copse, visit our website – southamptonairport.com/marlhillcopse or contact our project team via marlhill@southamptonairport.com