

GREATER GOOD

Our plan for a sustainable future

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT 2025

Edinburgh Airport 

POWERED BY  

2025 HIGHLIGHTS



£270,048

of social value delivered through our volunteering programme

£255,470

donated through our Community Fund

Total 2025 projects supported



17.2% of our workforce using at least one volunteer day



A WARM WELCOME TO EDINBURGH AIRPORT'S FIRST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT.

“Community” is an important word to us at Edinburgh Airport. We see ourselves as a community of people and organisations; we’re the size of a small town and closely bonded in the collective task that we have. And that task - connecting Scotland to the world - means that we play a key role in the wider Edinburgh community and our larger Scottish one.

We believe that we are a force for good in the communities we work aside - from the global links that we provide to the journeys and opportunities they facilitate. We create economic success for our region and our country, supporting thousands of careers, organisations and industries. We also believe wholeheartedly that we should spread the benefits of an international airport as far as we can.

We also recognise that we can be a challenging member of our community. The flights arriving and departing generate noise and emissions, and the passengers and staff accessing the airport on a daily basis can put a strain on the surrounding infrastructure.

Our sustainability strategy, Greater Good, is where we set out how we tackle those challenges. One of its pillars is “Trusted Neighbour” where we explain our approach to working with local communities and set targets to achieve. Underpinning this is all is the belief that we must earn the trust of our surrounding communities by acting responsibly and holding ourselves accountable.

There is no trust without clear communication and that is at the heart of this report. In the following pages, we set out how we engage and listen to our communities.

We appreciate the challenges that living around a busy and growing international airport can bring. It is therefore important to us that we are communicating openly and honestly with those that live around us, while also sharing our business success with the communities that provide us with our social license to operate.



I hope you find this report of interest - we’re proud of our team’s hard work and our collaboration with communities over the past year.

As always, we would love to hear your feedback and ideas so please get in touch if you have something you would like to share.

Gordon Robertson

Chief Communications and Sustainability Officer



Community Fund

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund is one of the ways we bring our commitment to be a Trusted Neighbour to life, supporting the people, places and projects that make our neighbouring communities thrive.

Funded directly by the airport, the Community Fund enables us to share our business success with the areas most connected to our operation. Each year, it helps local charities, schools, community groups, and other non-profit organisations deliver initiatives that enhance community cohesion, education, wellbeing, and the environment.

We see every grant as an investment in Scotland's future, from grassroots sports clubs and mental health programmes to local environmental projects and youth opportunities. By supporting these efforts, we aim to build stronger, more resilient communities and ensure that the airport's growth continues to benefit those that live and work around us.

The Community Fund Board is comprised of airport representatives, local faith and education leaders, an Edinburgh Napier University student, and is chaired by Edinburgh Western MSP Alex Cole-Hamilton. The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund is truly for the community, by the community and is something we are very proud of.

OUR 2025 IN FIGURES

£255,470 made available throughout 2025

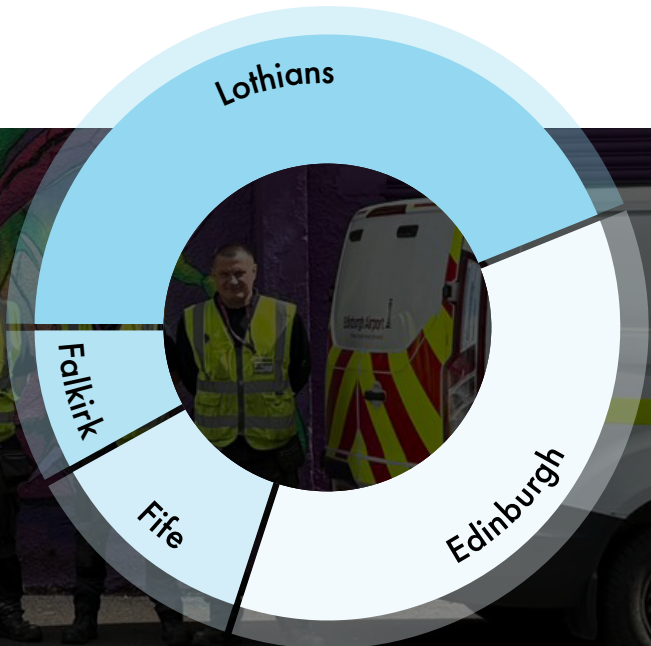


52% of projects supported taking place in areas of high multiple deprivation

12% of projects supported taking place in the top 20% of most deprived areas in Scotland

Projects supported in Edinburgh, Falkirk, Fife, and the Lothians (East, West, and Mid)

Lothians **44%** Edinburgh **36%** Fife **12%** Falkirk **8%**



OUR CRITERIA

The Community Fund receives a great many applications every year and, as a result, has implemented clear criteria to ensure that the money we make available goes to projects that leave a lasting impact in our community. Criteria is aligned with our Greater Good strategy and the outcomes within.

The Fund criteria are as follows:

- ✓ Projects should support one or more of the four pillars of our Greater Good sustainability strategy
- ✓ Applicant organisations should be based and deliver services in applicable postcodes within Edinburgh, Falkirk, Fife, or the Lothians. These postcodes are:
 - EH: all excluding 31, 39, 40, 41, 42
 - FK: 1, 2, 3
 - KY: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12
- ✓ Applicants must be not-for-profit organisations such as charities, community groups, or social enterprises
- ✓ The maximum award is £7,000. In some exceptional circumstances, this may be increased
- ✓ Applicants must not have received a grant from the Community Fund within the last two years
- ✓ Projects should leave a legacy, help organisations become in some way self-sufficient, and benefit as many people as possible
 - ! Applications must not include requests to:
 - Pay for staff, salaries, consultancy, or services offered by a 3rd party
 - Pay for utilities or other running costs
 - Pay for staffing resources such as stationary, office materials or IT equipment
 - Pay for uniforms or sports strips
 - Pay for costs such as (but not limited to) single use items, subscriptions, travel costs, tickets or entry fees
 - Pay for playpark infrastructure (climbing frames, slides, swings etc.)



FOR FURTHER DETAIL
ON THE CRITERIA FOR
OUR COMMUNITY
FUND [SEE HERE](#)



Gala day payments

Gala or cultural events such as Christmas celebrations are eligible to apply for a grant of up to £750 once each year.



Cost of Living support

In recognition of the rising living costs affecting families in our communities, the Community Fund can award a grant of up to £1,500 to projects specifically addressing this issue each year.



MEETING

April

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Venture Scotland	Replacement safety equipment for canoe trips	£6600
Inclusive Surfing Scotland	Inclusive wetsuit purchase and adaptations	£6295
Bun-sgoil Taobh Na Pairce Parent Council	Playground marking refurbishment	£5625
Cyrenians	Refurbishment of fruit and veg polytunnels	£5500
Scottish SPCA	Essential roof repairs to animal rescue centre	£5276
Bo'ness parkrun (parkrun UK)	Start-up costs for new parkrun route	£4800
Fox Covert Primary School	Materials for creation of outdoor learning area	£4000
Borthwick & District Pipe Band	Replacement of bass section drums	£3856
The Froglife Trust	Creation and restoration of ponds in the Lothians	£3655
Blairhall Nursery	Creation of outdoor play and learning area	£2912
Rannoch Community Education Centre	Purchase and installation of a defibrillator	£2417
Clermiston District Guides	Replacement tents for use at Guide camps	£2315
Carers of West Lothian	Purchase of sensory room equipment	£2300
40th Fife (Touch) Scout Group	Replacement of combi-boiler	£2191
Explorer Scouts (East Craigs)	Purchase of essential camping equipment	£2090
Rosyth Scout Council	Purchase of catering equipment	£2067
Beeslack Annex	Equipment for creation of outdoor space	£1973
Sacred Heart PTA	Purchase of bikes for "bikeability" training	£1730
Livingston Fencing Club	Purchase of an accessible fencing "swordseat"	£1675
Gorebridge Community Development Trust (GCDT)	Cost of living payment	£1500
The School Bank West Lothian	Cost of living payment	£1500
Calderglen Early Learning and Childcare	Purchase of gardening materials and equipment	£1300
95th Guide Unit, Girlguiding Scotland	Purchase of items for "community eco-project"	£850
Dunfermline Children's Gala	Gala day payment	£750
Stoneyburn and Bents Children Galaday	Gala day payment	£750
Ratho Children's Gala	Gala day payment	£750
Love Pathhead	Gala day payment	£750
Crossgates Events Committee	Gala day payment	£750
Uphall Station's Childrens Gala Day	Gala day payment	£750
Rosyth Community Projects Ltd (EATS Rosyth)	Gala day payment	£750
202nd City of Edinburgh Brownies	Purchase of building materials for "Skills for my future" badge	£600
Dalkeith Pétanque Club	Purchase of gardening materials for pétanque club	£314



MEETING

August

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Cramond Heritage Trust 2017	Exterior renovations to The Maltings centre	£7000
999 RE: SET	Outdoor equipment for blue light responders	£7000
Friends of Drum Brae Park	Sports equipment and other improvements to outdoor space	£7000
Smart Works Scotland	Storage and other upgrades for Edinburgh Centre	£6600
Edinburgh Agroecology Co-operative, CIC	Installation of "polycrub" at Lauriston Farm	£6500
Xcite Outdoors	Purchase of canoes and safety equipment	£6203
The Fisherrow Trust	Beehives and wildflower planters	£6000
Royal Air Force Air Cadets 1333 Squadron	Creation of flight simulator suitable for air cadets	£5973
Seagull Trust Cruises - Ratho Branch	Installation of audio equipment for visually impaired passengers	£5297
Drylaw Telford Community Association	Creation of vegetable planting area	£3625
Muiravonside Community Growing area	Installation of a greenhouse	£3374
West Lothian 50+ Network SCIO	Equipment and furniture for hall activity space	£3348
Cramond Football Club	Purchase of football goals	£3320
Uphall Station Institute Hall	Equipment for creation of ASN cinema experience	£3122
Saltire Team Gymnastics	Gymnastics equipment	£3000
Upmo (Upward Mobility Ltd)	Equipment for photography workshop	£2906
Saline and Steelend Environment Group (SSEG)	Development of a community garden	£2445
Simba Charity	Purchase of new charity donation bin	£2336
WATIF	Installation of EV charger	£2200
The Pennypit Trust	Cost of living payment	£1500
Bo'ness Storehouse Foodbank SCIO	Cost of living payment	£1500
Edinburgh Food Project	Cost of living payment	£1500
Cramond Drama Group	Purchase of audio equipment for performances	£1200
Carrongrange High School	Water butts and gardening equipment	£1000
Answer Project Limited	Creation of raised beds	£1000
West Lothian Netters	Equipment for netball team	£600





MEETING

November

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
1st Falkirk Scout Group	Installation of solar pv system	£6750
Rowan Alba	Furnishings and equipment for homeless accommodation	£6697
The Brock Garden Centre	Upgrade and expansion to woodworking workshop	£6120
Jewel Miners Welfare Charitable Society	Match funding for heat pump and solar panel installation	£6000
Whitburn Junior Football Club	Items to continue solar panel installation programme	£5630
Friends of Oaklands	Refurbishment of school allotments	£5566
Newtongrange Community Garden	Extension of community garden's bee-hive area	£3739
Craigsfarm Community Development Project Ltd	Equipment to deliver mental health inequalities programme	£3592
The Bridge 19-40 Union Canal Society SCIO	Continued refurbishment of the Broxburn based canal boat	£3250
Cyrenians	Purchase and maintenance of bikes for Cyrenians service users	£3143
Outdoor Education Fife	Katakanu boats for an inclusive outdoor experience programme	£3105
Tynecastle Youth Community Pipe band	Snare drum harnesses for youth band	£2664
King's Park Primary School PTA	Items for playground improvement programme	£2387
Edinburgh Christmas Dinner Appeal	Cost of living payment	£1500
The Food Train	Cost of living payment	£1500
Kirknewton Community Development Trust	Cost of living payment	£1500
Fa'side Community Kitchen	Cost of living payment	£1500
Lodestars Community Hub	Cost of living payment	£1500
North Edinburgh Community Festival	Cost of living payment	£1500
Wester Hailes Youth Agency	Cost of living payment	£1500
Holy Trinity Church of Scotland Wester Hailes	Cost of living payment	£1500
Equi-Power Central Scotland RDA	Dressage, vaulting, and safety equipment	£1395
North Queensferry Primary School	Purchase of items for student STEAM project delivery	£1150
Starpic Project	Café equipment for community centre	£1018
West Calder High School Cares	Cost of living food vouchers	£1000
Fife Gymnastics Club	Gymnastics equipment	£1000
Lothian Disability Sport	Mobile sensory kit	£982
Falkirk Towns Ltd, trading as Falkirk Delivers	PA system and other supporting items	£810
Davidson Mains Christmas Lights	Gala day payment	£750
Corstorphine Primary School PTA	Gala day payment	£750
Blackridge Primary School Parent Council	Gala day payment	£750
Cròileagan Dhùn Èideann - Car a' Mhultein	Replacement of play mats and other equipment	£683
West Lothian Boomerang Talking Newspaper	Recording desk	£400



Feedback

BUN-SGOIL TAOBH NA PAIRCE PARENT COUNCIL

April 2025 | Playground refurbishment | £5625

"We now have play equipment and planters and a stage in our playground. It was previously a barren playground with no play value at all. We also had no growing space."

Our current roll is 480 children and it grew by 45 children this year with a record p1 roll of 95 children.

Teachers and parents have benefitted from being able to use the playground more, alongside the benefit to the children in being able to play more.

Feedback from parents

"The new growing and planting space is really excellent, it allows children to see vegetables grow, (child) enjoys getting stuck in."

"The playground changes have meant that (child) finds it much easier to come in on a morning as he has something to draw his attention into the school gate. We are very thankful."

From the Head

"The community has worked together over the last three years to fundraise to make improvements to the playground. The stage, planters and refurbishment of the woodchip area have been fantastic. Other funding has also allowed us to build a trim trail that allows children to practice their balancing skills, and use their body in different ways. We are seeing improved pupil engagement, and fantastic parent engagement as a result of the changes. We cannot thank you enough."

Feedback from pupils

"This is so good for me." **Kinnen (5yo)**

"I love getting muddy." **Sophie (6yo)**

"It makes playtime more interesting." **Mhairi (9yo)**

"I love performing on the mini stage with my friends." **Hannah (7yo)**

"Edinburgh Airport Community Fund has been fundamental in helping us to complete our fundraising goal. The change it has helped to make to the playground and the atmosphere in school cannot be underestimated. We will forever be thankful - we would not have done it without you."

VENTURE SCOTLAND

April 2025 | Procurement of canoe safety equipment | £6600

In 2022, Venture Scotland was successful in securing a grant from the Community Fund for the purchase of 5 canoes, helping us to deliver inclusive, outdoor based mental health services to young people faced with complex mental health issues. "In 2025, we submitted another application for the purchase of vital safety equipment and buoyancy aids, essential for canoe trips with young service users."

Feedback from Venture Scotland ambassador

"My name is Brody, I am one of the Ambassadors of Venture Scotland. I am honoured to write this message for you personally.

I started the Venture Scotland programme in February 2023 when I was in desperate need of help. I was struggling with Complex PTSD and had been offered group therapy from the NHS – from past experience, I knew this wouldn't work, so decided to take a leap of faith and start the programme.

I loved all the activities Venture Scotland offered, such as rock climbing, coasteering, weaseling, orienteering, paddle sports and even just finding a nice spot with a view for some lunch and chats. Watersports have always been my particular favourite and Katie's told me that you're supporting us with kit like buoyancy aids and helmets – so thank you for helping other young people find their love of these sports, just like I did! I used to be afraid of heights and never felt comfortable to get out of my comfort zone, but now I have the confidence to try new things and feel safe doing so!

Without Venture Scotland's help, I don't know where I'd be today. I've gained more self-love, understanding for myself and others, and mental clarity, amongst many other things. But most importantly, the will to live.

So, I would like to send a massive thank you to all at The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund. Your donation of £6,600 to support Venture Scotland and give other young people a chance to experience these life-changing programmes will make a huge impact. This is an amazing help and will make a massive difference to young people like me.

Thank you."



Volunteering

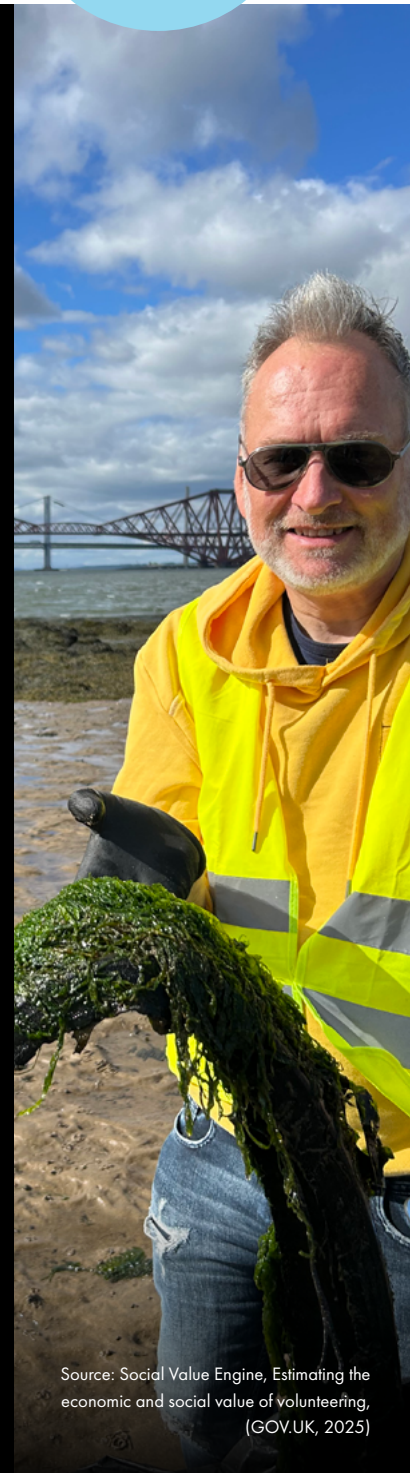
Our volunteering programme continues to be one of the most meaningful expressions of our commitment to playing an active role in our communities, enabling colleagues to dedicate their time and skills to organisations making a positive difference across Scotland.

In 2025, staff contributed their time through 211 volunteering instances, representing 179 unique volunteers from 18 different departments. By the end of the year, 17.2% of Edinburgh Airport staff used at least one of their two annual volunteering days.

Colleagues supported 18 charities and community organisations through a variety of events and activities, ranging from beach cleans and youth sports programmes to cultural and environmental initiatives. Highlights included a massive Technical Assets effort to benefit Hutchison Vale Community Football Club by upgrading facilities, repairing dugouts, and painting. Our teams also got involved in large-scale clean-up efforts in North Berwick, South Queensferry, and Cramond. During the summer, our Small Works Team provided hands-on support at the Hidden Door Festival while IT sent a squad to assist Midlothian Rangers with woodland management and habitat restoration.

Teams from almost every department, including Security, Projects, Finance, Communications, Sustainability, Operations, Fire Service, Engineering, and IT, each played a valuable part in supporting the programme. The variety of departments involved shows how volunteering has become embedded across the airport, with colleagues from every corner of our operation engaging in activities that strengthen our social connections and local impact.

Through the volunteering programme, colleagues not only contribute time but also build stronger relationships with community partners and one another. Feedback is unanimously positive, even when the weather doesn't cooperate, and volunteers come back feeling more rooted in their communities and teams.



Fire engine donation

In August, Fire Operations Crew Commander David Hume, along with colleagues from the International Fire and Rescue Association (IFRA), drove 2000 miles across Europe to deliver a refurbished fire appliance to Puke (pronounced Puka), Albania. The appliance, donated by Edinburgh Airport and refurbished by IFRA, will benefit the 11,000 people living in and around Puke.

David used his 2 volunteering days as part of the trip where he also delivered an intensive training programme to the local fire and rescue service.

"Our volunteering policy allows me the flexibility to take advantage of the opportunities presented by my work with IFRA while making a meaningful difference to colleagues and communities thousands of miles away. It's been a great experience and the adventure of a lifetime."

David Hume
Crew Commander,
Edinburgh Airport



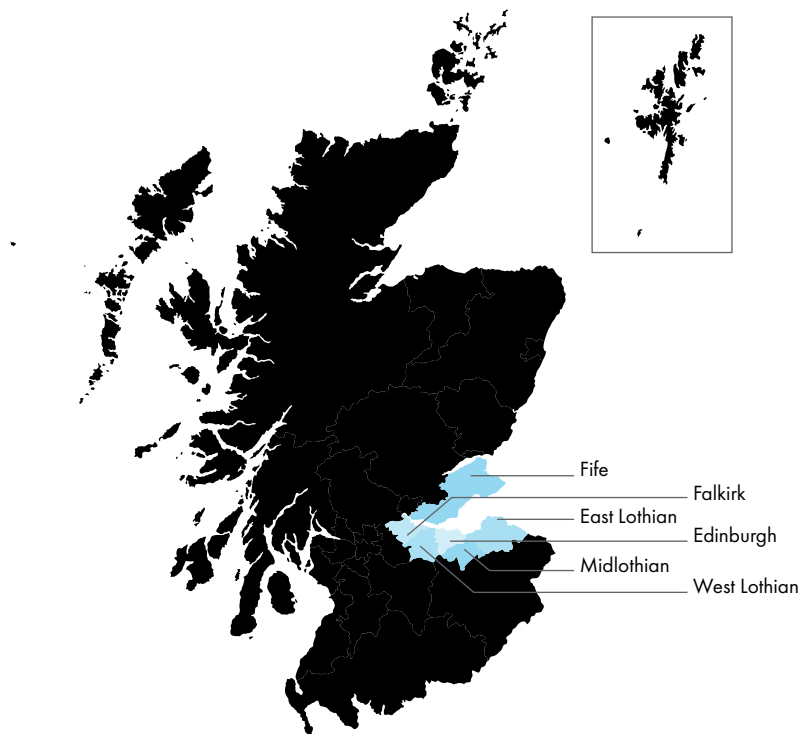
Source: Social Value Engine, Estimating the economic and social value of volunteering, (GOV.UK, 2025)

Community Survey

Our annual Community Survey is a core mechanism for understanding how Edinburgh Airport is perceived by those living and working in the communities around us, and for tracking change over time.

The survey provides an independent, evidence-based insight into community awareness, priorities and concerns, helping to inform decision-making across our Trusted Neighbour commitments.

The survey is conducted annually with a broadly representative sample of around 1,000 respondents drawn from communities across Edinburgh, Fife, Falkirk, and the Lothians. Responses are balanced across age, gender and socio-economic groups to ensure findings are robust and reflective of the wider population. Consistent questions are used year-on-year to allow for meaningful trend analysis, alongside a small number of rotating questions to explore emerging issues in more depth.



41%

believe Edinburgh Airport is an organisation they can trust

8%

do not believe this

19%

believe Edinburgh Airport is tackling noise

12%

do not believe this

20%

believe Edinburgh Airport is good at listening and engaging

13%

do not believe this

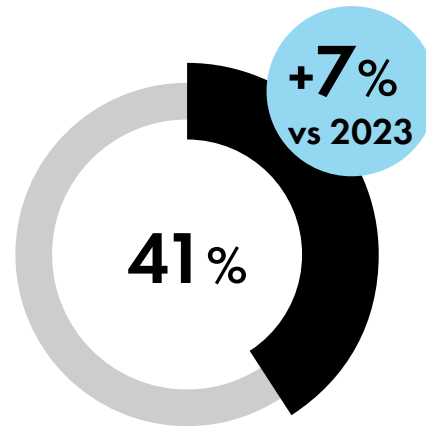


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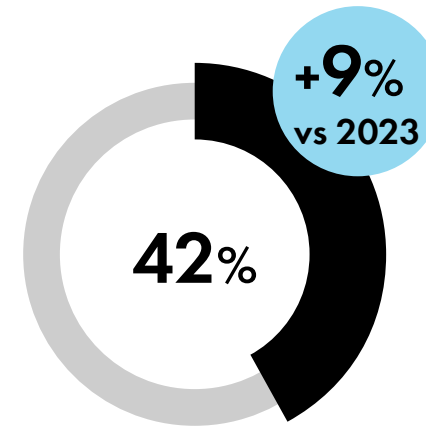
In 2025, results continued to highlight the importance of utilising social media to ensure we reach as much of our community as possible.

Connectivity, sustainability, noise, and employment continue to be topics most of interest to those that live around the airport. Levels of awareness of our community investment and engagement activity remain relatively stable, reinforcing the need to continue improving how we communicate and deliver the positive social value created through our Community Fund, volunteering and education programmes.

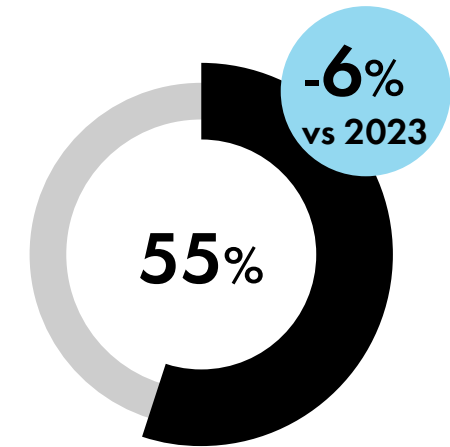
Year-on-year movements in perception are assessed carefully, with changes interpreted within a statistically significant confidence range. This ensures that reported shifts reflect genuine changes in sentiment rather than normal variation within survey samples. Results are utilised to identify any action areas internally, and to inform our approach when talking to our neighbours. Over time, the survey provides a consistent feedback loop, enabling us to monitor progress, identify emerging risks and opportunities, and strengthen trust with our neighbouring communities.



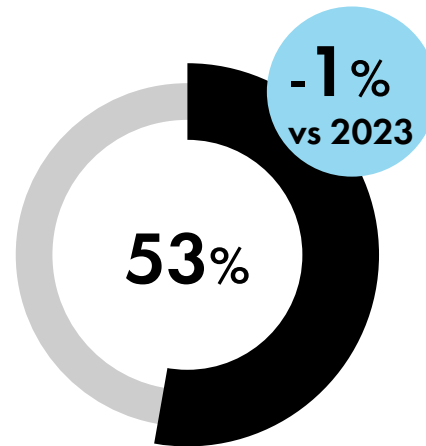
know someone that works / has worked at Edinburgh Airport



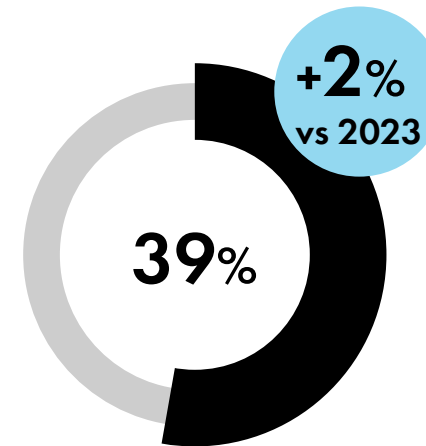
have been to the airport 3 or more times in 2025



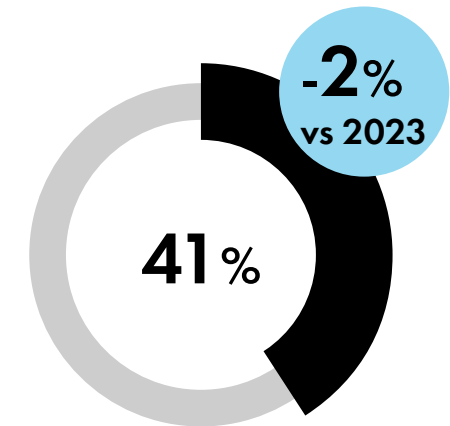
believe that Edinburgh Airport has a positive economic impact on the community



are interested in new destinations and offers



are interested in environmental sustainability at the airport



prefer to hear from us via social media



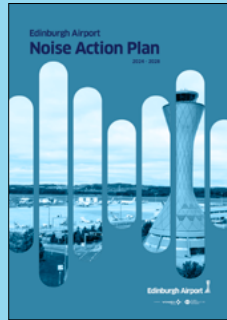
Thank you for taking the time to read our first Community Engagement Report. This publication builds on, and expands, our previous Community Fund reports, reflecting the continued evolution of our approach to community engagement.

We take our commitment to being a Trusted Neighbour seriously. A key part of that commitment is being open and honest about the work we are doing, the progress we are making and where we can do better. We therefore welcome feedback, challenges and ideas from everyone with an interest in our work. The insights you share will help us strengthen not only future reporting, but also our social sustainability priorities over the years ahead.

This report forms part of Edinburgh Airport’s wider Greater Good reporting suite, which together sets out our approach to environmental, social and economic sustainability. We encourage readers to explore the full suite of Greater Good reports to understand how these commitments connect and support our long-term ambitions.

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NOISE ACTION PLAN



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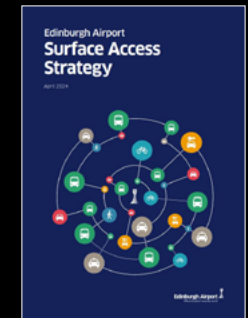
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