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## Gatwick Airport Community Trust

**This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gatwick Airport Community Trust (GACT), the independent charitable Trust that is fully funded by Gatwick Airport.**

The charity awards grants annually to local projects that benefit local people. After a challenging year for many charities and projects, GACT has extended this year's deadline to 21 May to give organisations more time to plan during these challenging times and to apply for funding. Should you know of a local community group that would benefit from GACT's support, details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

The charity supports schemes that are targeted towards the development of young people, the arts, sporting facilities, environmental improvement and conservation, improvements to community facilities, the elderly and the disabled.

A grant of £30,000, spread over three years, was awarded towards the cost of building the new Charlwood Sports and Community Centre (pictured).



## Forecourt Drop Off Charge

**From 8 March there is a £5 charge for vehicles dropping off passengers directly outside North Terminal, where all flights currently operate. The charge will be extended to South Terminal on 12 April.**

The initiative will help to reduce traffic congestion and emissions for the surrounding area and create a vital new revenue stream for the airport.

Anyone who does not wish to pay the charge will be able to drop-off or pick-up passengers in the airport's long-stay car parks with two hours free parking and a free shuttle bus to the terminal. Blue badge holders will be able to access the forecourt free of charge by registering their details.

When the charge is introduced for the South Terminal, local commuters living within a limited number of postcode sectors close to the airport (RH6 0, RH6 9, RH11 0) with no or limited public transport access will be allowed two visits per day to use the train station by paying an annual £50 charge.

Full details about the charge and how to pay/register can be found [here](#).



## Night Flights Consultation

The government has published its new night flights consultation. The first stage of the consultation proposes no change to the current regime (for the period 2022 to 2024) other than phasing out the noisiest planes. The second stage of the consultation is seeking early views and evidence on policy options for the government's future night flight policy at Gatwick beyond 2024, and nationally. Further details and ways to respond can be found [here](#).

## The Northern Runway Project

Gatwick's Northern Runway Project is restarting after being temporarily paused due to COVID-19. Gatwick intends to use the northern runway for smaller, departing aircraft alongside the main runway by the late 2020s.

The second runway will deliver long-term growth and added resilience at Gatwick and the earliest return to it being the economic heart of the regional economy, with all the benefits for local employment and livelihoods that this will bring.

Work will now commence to prepare for a public consultation in the summer of this year at which time residents and stakeholders will be able to give their views on the scheme's proposals.

An application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for Development Consent sometime in 2022.