

Further to our email of 25 September which contained the results of the members survey we are pleased to report that the association has been busy on your behalf engaging with key stakeholders in the town to try and improve the quality of the golfing experience for residents.

There have been meetings with the local MP & MSP along with St Andrews Links Trust (SALT). These meetings have been cordial and to a degree productive, but we currently remain unconvinced that there is a real appetite for change. The most recent update from SALT is to be welcomed and the additional tee times that have been mentioned should to a degree help to ease access to the courses. However, there has been little clarity about what impact this will have and indeed whether an unintended consequence will be increased difficulty accessing the courses at other times due to ever increasing amounts of visitor rounds. The total rounds played in 2023 were 283,000 of which 153,000 were visitors. The numbers for 2024 will make interesting reading and it is hoped that they will be less than 2023. If this is the case then this would indicate that the problems with access, pace of play and the condition of the courses all of which were highlighted in the survey should be improving. If it is not the case, then the quality of the golfing experience will deteriorate further.

A draft constitution has been uploaded to the website. We encourage you to look at it and to report back any comments that you may have. Consultation on the constitution will end Sunday 17 November. We are considering an open meeting of the association and in order to determine whether this will be supported there is a survey monkey questionnaire to gauge demand. If you could please complete this that would be appreciated. There will also be the opportunity for associates to put their name forward to assist in the work of the association.

Please contact us if you have any difficulty with access to the survey or constitution. I hope that you have found this update helpful and that you continue to support the association in its efforts to improve the experience of the local golfers.

Link to survey, draft constitution and QR code for website

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FTQHZSX>

https://www.standrewsresidentgolfersassociation.com/_files/ugd/d86f87_a208317b883a4ed6bf4e3739f083532a.pdf



PS there has been some difficulty in the delivery of this mail due to the large number of recipients, apologies if you receive it more than once.