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Martin Dempster (Scotsman, 22 April) correctly points out that the initiative from the St Andrews Links Trust to encourage more Scottish golfers to play the hallowed links is to be commended.

The relentless recent commercialisation of the links which in 2023 resulted in a surplus of £11.4 million fuelled by 153,000 visitor rounds has undoubtedly worked to the disadvantage of Scottish golfers. Hopefully this is a sign that the Trust are recognising their responsibilities under the 1974 Act and their obligations under the charities legislations and will now allow them to focus on resident as well as visiting golfers.

The St Andrews Resident Golfers Association welcomes this announcement and wish to work with the Trust to the benefit of those who have had the privileged right to play the Old Course for centuries.

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