



Parks to be bought for the public

A deal to transfer the ownership of historic parkland in the shadow of Stirling Castle to public trust has been agreed.

Current owners the Crown Estate will receive £600,000 for the land, which includes the Kings Park, Stirling Golf Course, Gowan Hill and Back Walk.

Stirling Golf Club will pay £450,000 in a deal which will guarantee it a 175-year lease on a patch of the estate.

The council's Common Good Fund will contribute the remaining £150,000.

The local authority said the land was being purchased to ensure future generations could enjoy it amid concerns that it would fall into private ownership.

They became involved after it emerged in 2006 that Stirling Golf Club was negotiating to purchase the land.

Founded in the 1800s and considered among the oldest in the world, the club has been leasing land from the Crown Estate since 1869.

A public meeting to discuss the plan is to be held at 1900 BST on 14 October in the city's Municipal Buildings.

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