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### Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

### History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

### Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

### Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

### Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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# MANAGER

GORDON STRACHAN



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**F team spirit could win trophies as well as plaudits and accolades then our job would be done before the team even took to the pitch and I can do nothing but congratulate every one of the players for the effort they have put in...**

And I'm not just talking about the magnificent display on Wednesday night against Manchester United, I'm thinking of the way they have worked for each other in the wake of injuries which would be a massive blow to any club, but these players have responded by regrouping and helping each other to run up a succession of victories in the SPL.

Of course, there was also the small matter of the UEFA Champions League in midweek and, with the effort they put in, I really thought it was going to be one of those European glory nights here at Celtic Park.

I want to thank you, the supporters, for your massive help in making the night what it was and when it comes to atmosphere, there is no better place in Europe than Celtic Park when the fans get going on a night like that.

With a wee bit more luck on the night we could well have

taken more than the one point, but the fact we so very nearly took all three points never mind one, was a shock to some people who had clearly written us off before a ball was even kicked.

They didn't figure on the spirit of the men on the park, though, and that so very nearly earned us the full points.

However, that game is done and dusted now and we welcome Mark McGhee's Motherwell for another SPL encounter as we carry on with our bid to maintain our position at the top of the table.

They have made it difficult for us in the past and they will do so again, so we will have to show that spirit again today as well as no short measure of skill and determination to beat a team that are snapping at the heels of the front runners in the league.

We have already recorded a 4-2 win at Fir Park earlier in this season but Motherwell's 1-0 win here last season is still fresh in my memory and it's an experience I would rather not repeat.

So get behind the men on the park today once more to help them build on the run of SPL victories.



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### Football Development Manager:

John Park

### Reserve Coach:

Willie McStay

### Youth team Coach:

John McLaughlan

### Club Doctor:

Derek McCormack

### Kit Controller:

John Clark

## CLUB HONOURS

### Scottish League Winners [42 times]

1892-93, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98,  
1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08,  
1908-09, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1914-15,  
1915-16, 1916-17, 1918-19, 1921-22,  
1925-26, 1935-36, 1937-38, 1953-54,  
1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69,  
1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73,  
1973-74, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1980-81,  
1981-82, 1985-86, 1987-88, 1997-98,  
2000-01, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06,  
2006-07, 2007-08

### Scottish Cup Winners [34 times]

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908,  
1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931,  
1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967,  
1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977,  
1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001,  
2004, 2005, 2007

### League Cup Winners [13 times]

1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68,  
1968-69, 1969-70, 1974-75, 1982-83, 1997-98,  
1999-00, 2000-01, 2005-06

### European Cup Winners 1967

### Coronation Cup Winners 1953

## CLUB DIRECTORY & HONOURS

### Celtic Football Club

Celtic Park, Glasgow, G40 3RE

**Telephone:** 0871 226 1888

**Website:** www.celticfc.net

**Formed:** 1888

**Stadium:** Celtic Park

**Capacity:** 60,506

### Home strip colours:

Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts,  
white socks

### Away strip colours:

Gold shirts, green shorts, gold socks

### Record attendance:

92,000 v Rangers, 1938

### Record victory:

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

### Record defeat:

0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

### Most league goals in 1 season:

50 - Jimmy McGrory, 1935-36

### Most Premier/SPL goals in 1 season:

35 - Brian McClair, 1986-87

35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000-01

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# UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

New rules have been introduced by the SFA and SPL in connection with "Unacceptable Conduct" at football stadia. The new rules form part of our Stadium Regulations. It is a condition of entry to stadia that the Stadium Regulations, including these new rules, are followed.

A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at [www.celticfc.net](http://www.celticfc.net) or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888.

## CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB WILL NOT TOLERATE UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK OR AT AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

- Unacceptable Conduct is conduct which is violent or disorderly
- Violent conduct includes any actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against any person, or intentional damage to property

Disorderly conduct includes:

- Conduct which stirs up or sustains, or is likely or is designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards individuals or groups of people because of:
  - Gender
  - Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin
  - Membership or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived religious affiliation
  - Sexual orientation
  - Transgender identity
  - Disability
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct

- Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

### **ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY, OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- Removal from the Stadium
- Suspension from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Indefinite ban from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings

Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on [www.celticfc.net](http://www.celticfc.net).