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## SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

### 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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## Brendan Rodgers

### WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN SUCH A SHORT SPACE OF TIME - A TREMENDOUS EFFORT BY THE PLAYERS

**GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's match against Ross County. I'd also like to welcome Jim and his team to the stadium and, indeed, to all the supporters of both teams who have made the journey from near or far to watch the game.**

Your efforts, particularly at this time of the year, are very much appreciated and I hope you will enjoy a good game here at Celtic Park tonight.

It's a match we're all looking forward to, and as we come towards the end of a busy schedule of fixtures this month, we're looking



to continue our home form ahead of the winter break.

It is incredible to reflect on the fact that we've now played 42 games since our first pre-season friendly match back at the end of June, and we have come a long way in a short time, with success in the League Cup, real progress in Europe as we competed once again in the group stages of the UEFA Champions League, and a good first half of our league campaign.

That has taken a tremendous amount of hard work by the players, and I have been delighted by their attitude from the first day we got together. It has been a very demanding schedule, and we've often faced teams who've had a full week to prepare for the game while we've had a midweek match to contend with.

Yet, the quality within this squad and their determination to win football matches is evident every time they step out on to the pitch.

That will be the same again tonight, and we know we have to have that attitude because we face

a team who can and will cause us problems. We've seen that in some of their recent performances, and to get a 2-1 win over Aberdeen, even after going down to 10 men, is credit to their attitude and teamwork.

We have two games remaining in 2016, and it has been a very enjoyable first half of the season. However, we know that a lot of hard work awaits us in the second half of the campaign if we want to build upon and add to the successes we've already enjoyed.

That will only happen with your backing and I would like to thank you for the support you have given me, my backroom staff and all the players since my first day here as manager.

And with this being our last home game of 2016, I would also like to wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year when it comes and hope that 2017 is a good year for all of us, both on and off the park.

**Brendan Rodgers**  
*Without Fear*



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## CLUB HONOURS



### SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS

(47 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,  
2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14,  
2014/15, 2015/16

### SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS

(36 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, 2011, 2013

### LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

(16 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, 2008/09, 2014/15,  
2016/17

### EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS

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### CORONATION CUP

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## Scott Brown

### OUR UNBEATEN HOME RECORD IS THE FOUNDATION TO OUR SUCCESS

**IT'S our last home game of 2016 and we want to sign off with a victory before we look forward to the derby on December 31.**

We've enjoyed a very impressive record here this year, with 19 wins and two draws at Celtic Park in the 21 domestic games we've played here in this calendar year. That's been the foundation for our success and we want to continue that, starting tonight against Ross County.

Our win here just before Christmas against Partick Thistle was our 10th home win this season, and while we were made to work hard for the win, it was well-deserved and showed

the determination the lads have to get the job done.

Tonight's game will be another tough one. Jim McIntyre's side are always very competitive and we know we'll have to be at our best to get the right result. Ross County had a great season last year, and they'll be determined to secure another top-six finish this time around, so they'll come here looking to take something from the game.

This is the eighth of nine games in December tonight, and the full squad has been called upon to play its part over the past few weeks, and I think that the lads who've come into the team have made a great contribution, which shows the team spirit we've got here at Celtic.

We also appreciate all of you coming along tonight to cheer us on, and we hope to reward you with a win. Thanks for your support throughout 2016 and we know you'll be giving us the same tremendous backing in 2017. Have a Happy New Year when it comes and enjoy the game tonight.

**Scott Brown**



#### CLUB DIRECTORY AND RECORDS

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**WEBSITE:** www.celticfc.net

**FORMED:** 1888

**STADIUM:** Celtic Park

**CAPACITY:** 60,506

#### HOME STRIP COLOUR

Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts and socks

#### AWAY STRIP COLOUR

Black with gold trim

#### 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 ONE SEASON

50 – Jimmy McGroarty, 1935/36

#### MOST PREMIER/SPL GOALS

##### IN ONE SEASON

35 – Brian McClair, 1986/87

35 – Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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John Keane

**MANAGER** Brendan Rodgers

##### ASSISTANT MANAGER

Chris Davies

##### FIRST-TEAM COACH

John Kennedy

##### HEAD OF PERFORMANCE

Glen Driscoll

**HEAD OF YOUTH** Chris McCart

**KIT CONTROLLER** John Clark

“ The lads who've come into the team have made a great contribution ”



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Please remain seated throughout the match in the interests of your own safety and that of your fellow supporters.

The advice from Police Scotland is: "We do not wish to in any way to prevent spectators from fully enjoying football matches.

"However, the safety of those attending must be paramount at all times. We fully support Celtic FC in this matter and we fully endorse their message to supporters."

## UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

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 based on their membership or presumed membership of the following categories:

- 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

Or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct; displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting; using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000.

A detailed description of unacceptable conduct is set out below.

*A person present at or in the immediate environs of an Official Match engages in Unacceptable Conduct where their conduct is violent and/or disorderly.*

*Conduct is violent where there is (i) actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against a person or persons; or (ii) intentional damage to property.*

*Disorderly conduct includes (i) conduct which stirs up or sustains or is likely or is designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards a group of persons based on their membership or presumed membership of a group defined by reference to a category mentioned below or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group; (ii) using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct; (iii) displaying any writing or other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting; or (iv) using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000. 'Presumed' means presumed by the person or persons engaged in the conduct. The categories referred to above are:*

- female or male gender;
- colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin;
- membership of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with a perceived religious affiliation;

- sexual orientation;
- transgender identity;
- disability

*'Religious group' means a group of persons defined by reference to their religious belief or lack of religious belief, membership of or adherence to a church or religious organisation, support for the culture and traditions of a church or religious organisation and/or participation in activities associated with such a culture or such traditions. 'Transgender identity' means any one or more of transvestism, transsexualism, intersexuality or change of gender. 'Disability' means physical or mental impairment of any kind. 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 page 3*