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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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# MANAGER'S NOTES

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### SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS

(46 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

### 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

(15 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

### EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS

1967

### CORONATION CUP WINNERS

1953



# WE MUST BE FOCUSED AND TAKE THE GAME TO PARTICK TO ENSURE WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH A VICTORY

**HAPPY New Year to you all and welcome to Celtic Park for our first game of 2016. I hope that you all enjoyed the festive period and that we can kick off the new year with a victory today.**

It's good to start 2016 with a derby game at home against Partick Thistle and it's one that we're all looking forward to. We know that Alan Archibald's side are difficult opponents and we'll have to be at our best if we want to take all three points.

Due to the printing deadlines at this time of the year, I've had to write these notes ahead of our game against Dundee at Dens Park during the week, but it goes without saying that I hope we're going into today's game on the back of a victory.

Throughout the season, every member of the squad will have to play their part and that has certainly been evident recently, with the team having picked up various injuries.

The game at Tynecastle was, as always, a very tough encounter but one that I thought we played very well in and were unlucky not to take all three points from.

It was also a game where we did lose a couple of players through injury in the first-half, but the players who came in to replace them acquitted themselves very well, and I'm sure that will be the case again, as and when each player is required.

Partick Thistle are battling well for a top-six place this season, and they will be looking to start 2016 on a positive note as well.

So it's important for us this afternoon to be focused,



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determined and take the game to our opponents and ensure that we're celebrating at the end of the game.

Thanks, as always, for your support, not only today but throughout the season. There is still so much to play for in the second half of the season, as we look to retain our league title as well as win the two domestic cup competitions, and your backing

for the team is vital in helping us to achieve these targets.

**Enjoy the game,**





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# CAPTAIN'S NOTES

Scott Brown



## I HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR, LET'S MAKE IT EVEN BETTER TODAY

**WE'RE looking for a derby win today to start 2016 in a positive manner, and I know the boys will go into this game determined to do just that.**

This time last year, we were due to play Partick Thistle at Firhill, but the weather put paid to that game. Hopefully that won't happen this afternoon and we can start the new year with a victory.

It's a busy time of the year, with a lot of games coming up and it's important that we keep moving forward and aiming to maintain our position at the top of the table.

I thought the team bounced back well from the disappointment of the Motherwell game with the performance against Hearts at Tynecastle. And the home side got a bit of luck in added time to take a point from the match.

There wasn't much of a break before the team were back in action at Dens Park, and I'm hoping we're going into today's game on the back of a win over Dundee.

I'm still working hard on my recovery, and the sooner I get back out on the pitch with the lads, the better for me! Most players are terrible spectators, and I'm no different, but it's just a case of being patient, continuing to do everything I have to do, and then, when the time comes, I'll be ready to play my part.

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and New Year. It was a different one for me this year, given that I wasn't training or playing, so I got to spend some time with the family.

I'd also like to thank all of you who bought my book. It's something I enjoyed doing and I really appreciate the support you've given it, and me.



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And it was good to go along to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary before Christmas to donate money to the Simpson's Special Care Babies charity.

It's something very close to my heart, as is Cancer Research, so I'm delighted both of those charities have benefited from the book.

Enjoy today's game and here's hoping for three points.



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In the event of a stadium evacuation please follow the directions of the Police and stewards



ALL supporters are reminded that the Ground Regulations insist that spectators remain seated during the match.

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 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; and
- 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.

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