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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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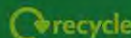
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## Brendan Rodgers

# EVERY DERBY IS TOUGH AND COMPETITIVE BUT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO PLAYING IN IT IN FRONT OF A PACKED PARADISE

**GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's Premiership match with Rangers. We're all looking forward to the game, as I know all of you are, and it's obviously a match that we're determined to do everything we can to win.**

A derby match is always a special occasion, for the players and the supporters of both clubs, and today will be no different.

We go into the game full of confidence, given the run of results we've enjoyed, but there is also a determination amongst the players to keep that run going. We've only ever focused on the next game on the horizon, so our preparations for today only began after last weekend's Scottish Cup win over St Mirren.

It's an approach that has served us well this season and it's one that we will continue to have for the remainder of the campaign.

We're also in this position because of the hard work that has been done,

day in and day out since everyone reported back for pre-season and, again, that has continued this week in the build-up to today's match and will remain the case here.

While we enjoyed a good cup win last weekend so, too, did Rangers, and it has set up a semi-final meeting next month at Hampden. As I said, all thoughts of that game will be set aside until then, and I'm sure the same will be true of our opponents.

Even before their cup win over Hamilton last Saturday, they enjoyed a hard-fought win over St Johnstone, so they will come here determined to do everything they can to be successful in the game today.

Each of our previous meetings this season have been tough and very competitive encounters - exactly what you would expect and want from a derby match - and I'm sure that today's game will be no different.

As always, we are pleased to be playing at home and a packed Celtic Park is always a great sight.

I have mentioned in these notes many times over the course of the season that your backing has been incredible and so important to us.

There is a real togetherness between the team and the fans and I know that will be the case again this afternoon, and all of us, management, players and supporters, will give everything to ensure we all enjoy a successful day here at our home.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to Dr Pat Carragher and his staff at Robin House Hospice. I was delighted to accept an invitation to visit the children's hospice on Wednesday, and I really enjoyed meeting the young people and chatting to some of the Celtic supporters there. It's a very special place with a special set of staff, who do a wonderful job.

**Brendan Rodgers**  
*Without Fear*





## 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

1967

### CORONATION CUP WINNERS

1953

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# Scott Brown

## HARD WEEK OF PREPARATION AND YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP US WIN THIS DERBY

**DERBY games are always ones that all the players look forward to, and today's match will be no different. It's the same for all the supporters. There's always a tremendous atmosphere and I'm sure Celtic Park will be rocking today.**

Of course, it's important that we focus on our jobs and make sure that we produce a strong performance on the park. I know our fans will create a special atmosphere and we're all hoping it's going to be another successful derby day for us.

However, we do not underestimate how tough it's going to be. We have the same attitude going into every game and know that, just as we'll be doing everything we can to win the

game, our opponents will be doing the same.

Rangers will come here looking for the victory and they have players in their squad who have the ability to cause us problems. So we will be focused on the task in hand and after a hard week of preparation at Lennoxton, we want to go out this afternoon and perform well and get all three points.

I mention in every programme how important your backing is to the team and I'm going to do it again today. The support the team gets from our fans has always been a massive part of the success this club has enjoyed over the years, and all the boys know this has been the case again this season.

There is still a lot of football to be played this season, starting with this afternoon's derby match, and with your incredible support, hopefully we can enjoy another great day at Celtic Park. Enjoy the game.

Scott Brown

“ I'm sure Celtic Park will be rocking today ”

### 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 McGrory, 1935/36

#### MOST PREMIER/SPL GOALS

##### IN ONE SEASON

35 – Brian McClair, 1986/87

35 – Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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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 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;
- 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*