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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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# >> GORDON STRACHAN



**B**ELIEVE it or not, it's been practically a month since we last experienced SPL action here on our home ground as our 3-0 win over Motherwell was our last league match here back on October 27.

Not that we haven't been in the thick of things either home or away in the intervening four weeks - despite the loss of two weekends with our scheduled home game against Falkirk being postponed to help the national side's bid to beat Italy the following weekend.

There was that well-earned away win at Kilmarnock followed by the disappointment of losing to Hearts here in the CIS League Cup but, although we want to win every trophy we enter, we have always maintained that the SPL title is our first priority so our defence of the championship takes precedence.

Being Scottish champions, of course, opens the door to the UEFA Champions League for us and it goes without saying that I was delighted with the

application of the players when Benfica visited here in our previous home game.

A magnificent goal from Aiden McGeady secured the points for us and gave us hope of qualifying from Group D but no-one here is thinking about the visit of Shakhtar Donetsk at this moment in time.

We will turn our minds to that one once this afternoon's game is out of the way as we have to go into today's match against Aberdeen fully focused on what lies ahead over the next 90 minutes.

Their most recent SPL game, that 4-1 defeat to Hearts, will have hurt and they will be more than determined to get back on track today but it is up to us to make sure that doesn't happen as we are more than keen, not only to remain at the top of the league, but to maintain our proud record here at home.

We know that Aberdeen can be dangerous and they will feel they have a point to prove but, with your backing, we will do our utmost to win another three points today.





# >> CELTIC FACTFILE



## CELTIC PLC DIRECTORS

### Celtic plc Directors:

Peter Lawwell  
Eric Riley  
Dermot Desmond  
Tom Allison  
Brian McBride  
Brian Wilson  
John Reid  
Ian Livingston

### CFAC Directors:

Peter Lawwell  
Eric Riley  
John Keane  
Michael McDonald  
Kevin Sweeney

## UPCOMING FIXTURES

**Saturday, December 1**  
Scottish Premierleague  
Hearts v Celtic

**Tuesday, December 4**  
UEFA Champions League  
AC Milan v Celtic

**Saturday, December 8**  
Scottish Premierleague  
Celtic v St Mirren

**Tuesday, December 11**  
Scottish Premierleague  
Celtic v Falkirk

**Sunday, December 16**  
Scottish Premierleague  
Inverness CT v Celtic



## CLUB HONOURS

### Scottish League Winners [ 41 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

### 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:

Green/black striped shirts, green shorts, green 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

## CLUB SPONSORS



### Manager:

Gordon Strachan

### Assistant Manager:

Garry Pendrey

### Coach:

Tommy Burns

### Head of Youth:

Tommy Burns

### Football Development Manager:

John Park

### Reserve Coach:

Willie McStay

### Youth team Coach:

John McLaughlan

### Club Doctor:

Derek McCormack

### Physiotherapists:

Tim Williamson &  
Gavin McCarthy

### Kit Controller:

John Clark



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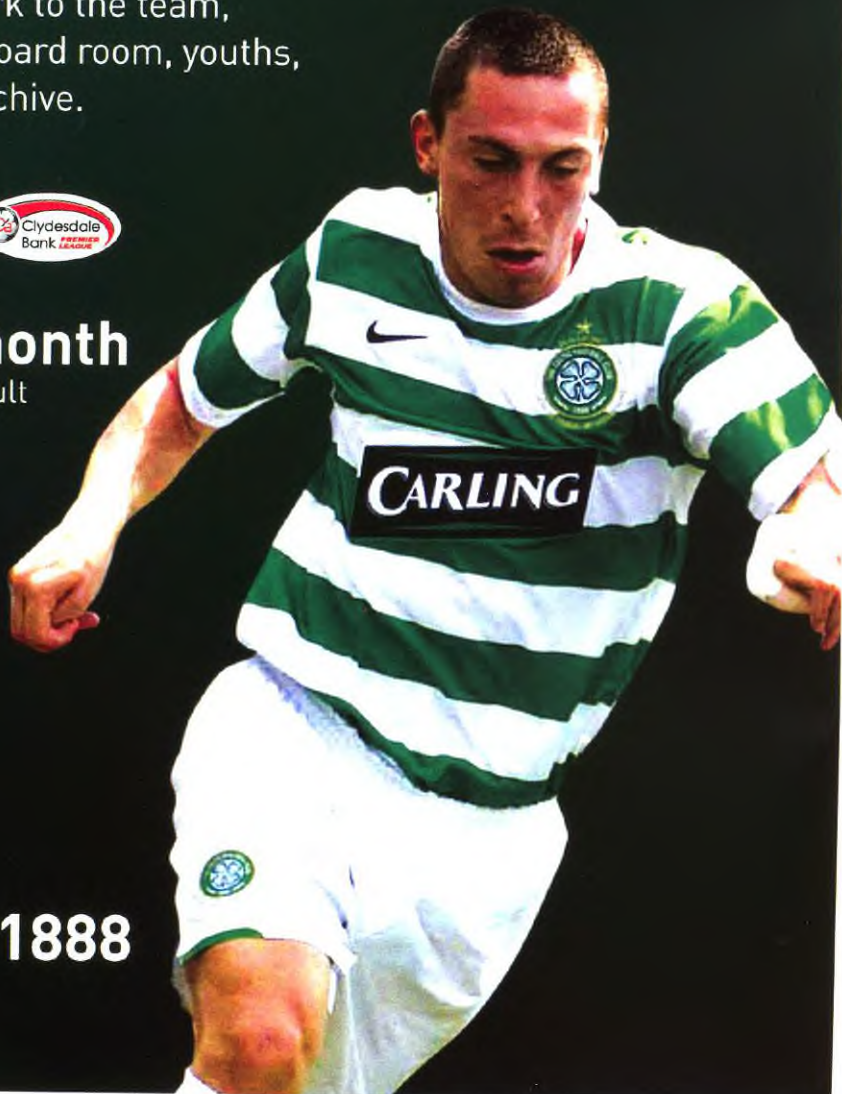
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# UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

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).