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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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'This great group of players want to keep working hard to deliver more success to the club and our supporters'



GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's Premiership game against Hibernian. It is good to be back home, and we're looking forward to the match.

We're also delighted to be playing in front of you as the League Cup winners after our success at Hampden last Sunday. That was another great occasion for everyone associated with the club, and I'm sure all of you enjoyed the celebrations after the game.

It's a victory that is worthy of much praise. We have now won the League Cup for the fourth year in a row, something that has not been done since Jock Stein's great Celtic side in the 1960s, who actually went on to win five-in-a-row.

It also represents our 10th consecutive trophy win across all three domestic tournaments, and that is an incredible achievement. To have won 31 cup-ties in a row is testament to the players here – their ability, athleticism

and absolute will to win, regardless of the opposition or the circumstances.

They are a great group of players, and what is so impressive is that, regardless of what success they've already achieved, they want to keep working just as hard to deliver more success to the club and our supporters.

As always, our fans were brilliant at Hampden, and I was delighted for them too. They turn out in great numbers, home and away, and in all kinds of weather, to back the team and you could see in the celebrations at Hampden, that great bond between the players and the supporters.

We're in the midst of a busy month of fixtures, and today's game is the fifth of nine matches before the end of the year. I have had to write these notes ahead of Thursday night's game against Cluj, but I hope that we will have signed off our group-stage matches with another positive result.

We've had an excellent European

campaign this season and we have the last 32 of the Europa League to look forward to in 2020, with the draw taking place tomorrow.

However, our focus today is on today's match and what I know will be a tough test from Hibernian.

Jack's done well since taking charge, and their victory over Aberdeen last weekend was very impressive.

We know from our two previous meetings this season that they will be difficult opponents and I expect that to be the case again today. However, we go into the match full of confidence and we're determined to deliver a good result in front of our own fans. Enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon



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HOME KIT





'Fraser showed how good he is with one of the best goalkeeping performances I've ever seen'

DECEMBER is always a busy month for football, and that continues for us today with a home game against Hibernian.

It's always good to play here at Celtic Park and we're looking forward to what I'm sure will be a good game.

Hibs always give us a good game and they've enjoyed some great results since Jack Ross has taken over at Easter Road, so we know we're going to have to be at our best today if we want to take all three points.

The lads will go into the game full of confidence, though. We came into the weekend with a two-point lead at the top of the table which we want

to maintain, if not increase, while we were all delighted to win the first trophy of the season.

The League Cup final victory at Hampden was a brilliant one for us, and it showed the character and team spirit we've got in this squad to dig in, battle hard and never accept defeat. In the end, we were delighted to celebrate with our fans after the final whistle.

It's a victory for the whole squad, and everyone played their part on Sunday, but I know all the lads would want to praise big Fraser for his performance at Hampden.

We know how good he is, and he showed that again with one of the

best goalkeeping performances I've ever seen. You could see how much it meant to him, and to all of us, when the final whistle sounded.

Now, though, we can focus on the league for the next few games and that's what we'll be doing this afternoon. With your brilliant backing, hopefully we can enjoy another successful Sunday.

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Also in the *Celtic View* Christmas Special, we have...

- For our traditional festive mix-tape, Ryan Christie is on the

decks this year, so find out what music he chooses.

- Callum McGregor answers questions from Celtic supporters in our Q&A - find out if your question was answered by Calmac.

- *Line of Duty* and *This Is England* star, Vicky McClure is also in the Christmas *Celtic View*.

- Irish boxer, Michael Conlan talks of his love for the Hoops.

- Dublin actor, Johnny Ward, start of *Love/Hate* and the *Irish Dancing With The Stars*, talks about his lifetime of supporting Celtic.

- There's a fantastic selection of photos from this year's first-team visit to Glasgow's Hospital for Sick Children.

- Back on the football front, we have an exclusive interview with manager, Neil Lennon and his 2020 vision for Celtic.

- And looking at the game that gave us 10-in-a-row, the League



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Cup final win over Rangers, we have Fraser Forster, Christopher Jullien, Jeremie Frimpong, James Forrest, Ryan Christie and Lewis Morgan all looking back at the history-making action.

- Plus we have a superb Christopher Jullien centre-spread pull-out poster from that very game.

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