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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.

## WHAT'S INSIDE



Manager - Neil Lennon



Captain - Scott Brown



Interview - Jeremie Frimpong



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## NEIL LENNON

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**AS always, we're looking forward to playing here at Celtic Park, although today's game against Motherwell is one that we know will be a tough contest.**

Both sides go into this match on the back of European ties in midweek, and I hope that we have both enjoyed a successful night and ensured progress to the next qualifying round of the respective competitions.

Due to the match programme deadlines, I've had to write these notes ahead of the game against Ferencvaros, but I'm hoping that we have negotiated that tie and can look forward to Monday's draw for the next round.

Motherwell enjoyed an excellent campaign last season and thoroughly deserved to finish third in the table. I know that they've had a few personnel changes going into this campaign but they will still present a tough test for us today.

Stephen's done an excellent job at

Fir Park, and he'll be looking for that spark to get their season going, which he and his team would love to be today against us.

It means we will have to be fully focused and determined to ensure that the three points stay here at Celtic Park, and on the back of a good win at Tannadice last weekend, we want to keep that momentum in the Premiership going.

I also spoke to the *Celtic View* during the week about James Forrest coming up to an impressive milestone of 400 appearances for the club.

I gave Jamesy his debut back in May 2010, which was against Motherwell, and he came off the bench and scored a goal that day.

The fact that he's now at this milestone is a measure of the consistency and his quality. To be a first team player here for that length of time, edging over 10 years, he's contributed massively to the success of the club, and he will continue to

do that. He is a very modest person, and I know he won't want any fuss – he'll just want to focus on playing his football – but it is something that he should be very proud of.

I know that, today, you will be cheering us on from afar – something we hope won't be the case for too much longer – and the players will be doing everything they can to ensure a successful afternoon and another three points on the table. Enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon

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## SCOTT BROWN



**'It's always good for a striker coming to a new club to get off the mark quickly, and Albi's done that. He's already settling in well and he'll be an important player for us this season'**

**WE'RE looking forward to this afternoon's game against Motherwell and, as always, it's good to be home. Of course, we had a European tie here on Wednesday night, and while these notes have had to be written ahead of that match, I'm hoping we're going into today's game on the back of a positive result.**

It was good to get back to Premiership action last weekend against Dundee United, and even better to get the win. I know we had to wait until late in the game for the winning goal, but I don't think anyone could argue that it wasn't deserved.

I thought we played well against a tough Dundee United side, who look like they'll be a good addition to the league now that they're back.

We know we're in for another

difficult game this afternoon against Motherwell. Even though they'll be disappointed at the start they've made to the new campaign, we know they're a good team.

They showed that last season when they finished third, and I'm sure the quality they have in their squad will see them do well again over the course of the campaign this time around.

For us, it's all about preparing well for each game, focusing on what we can do and giving everything to get the win.

All the lads were also delighted for Albian Ajeti, who scored his first goal for the club last weekend at Tannadice. It's always good for a striker coming to a new club to get off the mark quickly, and Albi's done that.

He's already settling in well to the squad and I'm sure he'll be an important player for us this season.

I also want to thank all of you for your continued support. I know it's difficult for everyone just now, particularly with us having to play games behind closed doors, but we know that you're still with us and, hopefully, before too long, that will mean you're here at Paradise.

Scott Brown



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# CELTIC NEWS

## Celtic FC Festival 2020 cancelled

SCOTLAND'S First Minister recently confirmed that the temporary medical facility, NHS Louisa Jordan, will remain in place at the SEC in Glasgow as a contingency to support NHS Scotland into the New Year.

Earlier this year we had announced that the Celtic FC Festival would be rescheduled to take place on Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15. Sadly, however, following this latest update from the Scottish Government, we have no other option but to cancel the Festival for this year.

After consultation with our partners at PSP Media Group and the SEC, there was full agreement that cancellation is the most appropriate measure at this current time.

Everyone at Celtic Football Club would once again like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all those who remain dedicated to finding a safe path through this pandemic for those who rely on the services of the NHS. We are fully supportive of the contingency to ensure the Louisa Jordan can be called upon if needed to bolster the resources of NHS Scotland.



PSP Media Group will now ensure that all Celtic fans who have already purchased tickets for the 2020 Festival will receive a full refund over the coming days.

All ticket purchasers will be contacted directly by our PSP Media via email to confirm details of the refund transactions. You do not have to contact the club for your refund.

Last summer the Celtic FC

Festival, a world football first, was a phenomenal success with over 25,000 Celtic supporters of all ages visiting the SEC. We hope that there will be an opportunity for the Festival to return in 2021, so we can come together to celebrate all things green and white once again!

Further details on the Celtic FC Festival can be found at [www.CelticFCFestival.com](http://www.CelticFCFestival.com)

## This week's Celtic View

**MOHAMED Elyounoussi is the cover star of this week's Celtic View, and the Norwegian internationalist talks about his hopes for the season, while reflecting on his first two goals of the campaign.**

Elyounoussi also talks about welcoming his former team-mate, Albion Ajeti, to Celtic, and the Swiss striker tells the View of his delight at having scored his first goal for the Hoops.

This week's Celtic View is on sale now, and also includes:

- Neil Lennon looks forward to

another busy week for his side.

- Hatem Elhamed on the benefits of pre-season and aiming to play his part in the campaign.

- Former Celt, Massimo Donati looks back on his time with the Hoops, including a memorable European goal.

- We preview the game against Motherwell.

- And much more, including the latest submission in our new fan feature, Nine From 9.

The Celtic View is the voice of the 9-in-a-row champions and the latest issue is on sale now.

