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## **Sheffield FC – The World’s First Football Club**

### Fact Sheet

#### **Name:**

- Sheffield FC (Football Club)

#### **Shortage:**

- SFC

#### **Nickname:**

- „The Club“

#### **Identification:**

- “The World’s First Football Club”
- Officially recognised by FIFA and the FA as the World’s First and Oldest Football Club

#### **Date of Birth/ Foundation:**

- October 24th, 1857

#### **Founding Members:**

- Nathaniel Creswick (lawyer and solicitor of a silver plate company)
- William Prest (wine merchant)

#### **Chairman and Manager:**

- Richard Tims

#### **Competition of Men’s First Team:**

- Amateur League, Northern Premier League Division One South, 7th Division (Evo-Stick League)

#### **Most known and popular asset of the Club: Rulebook**

- “Rules, Laws and Regulations for Football”
- published in 1859, written by Nathaniel Creswick and William Prest

#### **Awards:**

- FIFA Order of Merit in 2004

#### **Values:**

- Integrity – Respect – Community



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### **Vision:**

- Remain amateur status
- Receive global recognition for the clubs achievements in football history
- Promote football's true values and preserve the grass roots identity of the game of football

### **Sheffield FC Foundation**

Football has started as a gentlemen's game in 1857, a time when people came together on the pitch for the joy of playing - far offside the commercial world that football is dominated by today. In this respect, our Foundation wants to protect the roots and natural values of the game.

The Foundation's aims are:

- to always preserve the Sheffield Football Club at grass roots level and thereby the heritage of 1857,
- to build an institution for amateur football offside professionalism,
- to develop prospects for future pioneers of grass roots football.

Corresponding to the founding principles of our beautiful game - Integrity, Respect and Community - above all stands the vision to fight for a better world through the game of football.

We have started our mission with local and global projects, bringing football back to the roots:

#### **LOCAL COACHING**

On a regional and local scale, the schools and community coaching scheme is committed to providing high quality football and fitness coaching to local youngsters whatever their age, sex, religion or ability. The objective is to encourage children to enjoy playing and watching sport, especially football at all levels. The scheme is committed to equality and social inclusion, in a safe and friendly environment where children can enjoy physical activity. Sheffield Football Club is focused on forging closer links with the Sheffield Community and strives to provide the highest quality of service for local grass roots football.

*Our commitment: Deliver football within the community of Sheffield.*

#### **THE HOME OF FOOTBALL**

Develop a history centre and holy ground for football in the heart of Sheffield, where everything began: on Olive Grove. It is the Foundations heartfelt wish that Sheffield FC can move back to its first home ground and build a future museum and place for pilgrimage football fans from all over the world.

*Our long-term goal: Re-Build the home and birthplace of football.*



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### CLUB OF PIONEERS

The Club of Pioneers is a global journey to discover the oldest existing football clubs from every country in the world, aiming to gather and unite the games' pioneers within the family tree of football. It will bring a light to the unknown and forgotten heroes of football's past and present times, helping to tell these beautiful and unique stories to the world, to capture and pass on the heritage of football that still lives on today, thanks to its inventors and pioneers.

The global journey of football starts with the historic roots of the game and its founders, chronologically collecting the oldest existing football clubs from every country since the games' inception in 1857, the birth of Sheffield Football Club. Join our global journey on [www.1857-football.com/pioneers/timeline](http://www.1857-football.com/pioneers/timeline)

*Our dream and ambition: Built a home for football pioneers.*

### BOOTS FOR THE ROOTS

In many global communities you see children playing football in their bare feet on rubble-stew ground. In 2009 we founded our global charity campaign Boots for Africa to collect old football boots and deliver them to the children and football communities in Africa. From 2009 to 2012 more than 25.000 pairs of boots were shipped to different places in Africa. Now, after three years of successful support in Africa, we want to expand the campaign worldwide. Boots for the Roots is our next level after our Boots for Africa campaign, now aiming to distribute football boots to different countries all around the world. Help us to develop the skills and joy of disadvantaged children, and provide more with the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful game by sending your old football boots to our Foundation!

*Our dedication: Strengthen the roots of football and share the games' joy around the world.*

### Links

Website: [www.sheffieldfc.com](http://www.sheffieldfc.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sheffieldfc](http://www.facebook.com/sheffieldfc)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/sheffieldfc](http://www.twitter.com/sheffieldfc)

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