



RANGERS SUPPORTERS TRUST
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RST Congratulates the Rangers Support

"The Rangers Supporters' Trust congratulates the Rangers support which backed our team so magnificently at Celtic Park on Saturday 19 November, showing more than seven times their number just what the word 'supporter' actually means.

We also note with approval that the number of arrests for allegedly sectarian offences fell by four fifths from 50 to only 10, a reduced figure which will be welcomed by all reasonable observers.

The Trust now looks forward to responses from Strathclyde Police, Rangers FC and Jack McConnell to the detailed and specific points we raised with them immediately following the CIS Cup game at Parkhead on 9 November.

We would welcome an open and public discussion not just about policing and the consistent application of the law to football supporters, but also on the complex, deep-rooted and centuries old problems of sectarianism and bigotry within Scottish society. If prejudice is to be tackled then it must be done honestly, openly and in a way which commands the support of all parts of the community and doesn't simply seek to blame one group of football fans for all the ills of modern society.

Finally, we would like to publicly thank Gerry McNee for his ill-judged and inaccurate article* about the Trust in the 'News Of The World' on Sunday 20 November, which helped boost the membership of the Trust by a significant number. "

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(* - The article may be viewed via our website below)

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