

# West of Scotland Football Club Archived Material

East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust (EDLCT) was established by East Dunbartonshire Council on 1 April 2011. This trust includes East Dunbartonshire Archives Service which collects and preserves the historical records of East Dunbartonshire and its people.

West would like to thank East Dunbartonshire Archives Service for submitting an application, on our behalf, to the British Archive Council (BAC) to obtain a Cataloguing Grant relating to archives in Sports

Richard McBrearty, Curator of the Scottish Football Museum, said in a letter of support, "From my own experience of researching early clubs, I can state that the West of Scotland archive is a major research resource for anyone interested in the development of sport and recreation in the city of Glasgow, particularly covering the second half of the nineteenth century and first half of the twentieth century, as well as for anyone interested in the wider story of the development of rugby football. The range of archive material, from minutes and financial records, to the documents surrounding governance and the match records, mean that the archive will provide numerous areas of interest to a wide range of people."

In 2020, the BAC panel decided the West application matched the criteria for such a grant and, as a result, work was able to start work on cataloguing the existing archive collection for West of Scotland Football Club. These records also document the strong links between leisure as a business and the local community

A key aspect of the application to BAC was that the uncatalogued collection had become of particular interest as a result of the Club's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015. The anniversary celebrations prompted discussion around the Club, sharing its heritage with the wider community and highlighted the need for and the importance of proper maintenance of our historical records.

To ensure their safe keeping and to broaden their accessibility, these historical records have recently been gifted to the EDLCT and are catalogued and available to the public.

## TO ACCESS WEST OF SCOTLAND ARCHIVE MATERIAL FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BELOW: -

The West archive descriptions have now been added to the East Dunbarton's Archive Service's own online archive catalogue at:

<https://edlct.adlibhosting.com/Details/archive/110022270>

as well as it being available here <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/data/gb1529-gd321>

After accessing the link, if you click on the 'Expanded' button on the far right of the web page it will show you all the items in the Table of Contents in a long list.

To view more information about a particular item just click on it in the list and a description of it will appear on the left-hand side of the webpage.

If anyone wishes to view any of the items in the collection in more detail, or has any questions about the contents of the West archives, please contact East Dunbartonshire Archives - [archives@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:archives@eastdunbarton.gov.uk)

A limited number of photographs are also available online – that process is ongoing.

Our main contact for this project and the archives is.

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