

Freedom of the Borough Nomination citation – Coleraine FC

To The Chief Executive, Mayor and Elected Members of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

We are writing to formally request that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council confer the Freedom of the Borough upon Coleraine Football Club.

This is in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Borough, its sporting excellence and profound cultural and community impact, particularly considering the club's 100th anniversary in 2027.

Founded in 1927, Coleraine Football Club, has stood as one of Northern Ireland's most respected and successful sporting institutions. Throughout its history, the club has represented the town and the wider Borough with distinction at regional, national and European levels, bringing positive recognition to Coleraine and inspiring pride across generations.

Beyond the pitch, Coleraine FC has long been a cornerstone of community life within the Borough. It has played a vital role in promoting youth engagement, through grassroots programmes, encouraged inclusion, wellbeing, and cross community participation through sport. All this whilst supporting schools, charities, and community initiatives. Coleraine is a community of estates, from Ballysally to Ballycairn, from Mountsandel to Milburn, the Blue and White Army unites the people.

The upcoming centenary year of 2027 represents an historic milestone, not just for Coleraine FC, but for the Borough itself. Conferring the Freedom of the Borough at this time would be a fitting and enduring tribute to a club that has faithfully served its community for 100 years, and continues to do so with integrity, ambition and respect and have rendered exceptional and sustained service to the area.

Few organisations embody this principle more fully than Coleraine Football Club. Freedom of the Borough would not only honour the club's remarkable past but would stand as a powerful symbol of the Borough's appreciation for the role sport plays in shaping unity and pride within our community.

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