

CLANFIELD 85 FOOTBALL CLUB



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The Chairman and Committee at Clanfield 85 FC wish them every success in the campaign ahead.



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The coming season sees Shaun Morgan joining the coaching staff as Jamie and Craig continue at the helm. Pre-season has been promising with the club winning the Jim Newman Trophy for the third year running. The club wishes the players and managers all the best for the season.