ISAAC NEWELL STATUE

Who are We?

The Isaac Newell Heritage Group (INHG) is a dedicated international collective of experienced heritage and sport professionals.

We are united by a singular vision: to finally give one of the greatest unsung figures in world sport the memorial he deserves in his birthplace.

Isaac Newell

Our Mission

To Unveil a Lasting Monument

Fund and erect a life-size bronze statue of Isaac Newell by 2028, created by one of the UK's most acclaimed sculptors, and permanently honour him in his birthplace of Strood, Kent.

To Define a Global Legacy

Establish a new landmark of enduring cultural excellence that celebrates Isaac Newell - a founding father of modern football - whose impact still resonates across the global footballing community.

To Invest in the Future

Ensure a lasting project legacy where every contribution funds life-changing opportunities for young people through sport and learning, continuing Isaac's pioneering vision.

Anglo Argentine Commercial College

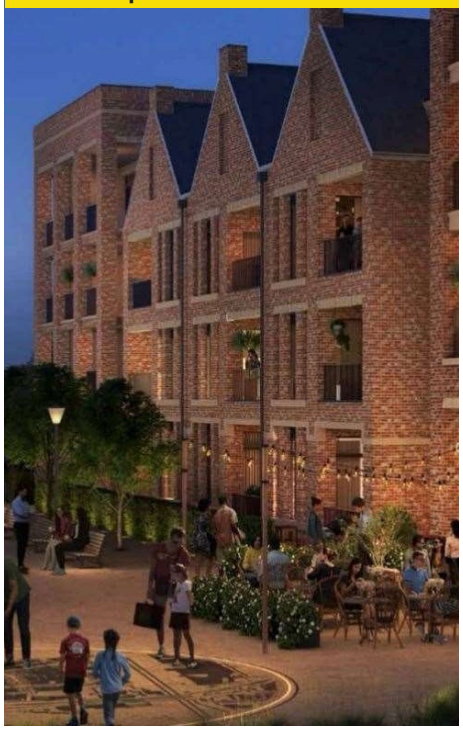
Who was Isaac Newell?

Isaac Newell (1853–1907) was the visionary who helped define the modern football game. Born in Strood, England, his method of blending education with sport has since transformed the countless lives of young people across the globe.

At 16, he embarked on a journey from Kent to Rosario, Argentina, and in 1884, co-founded the Anglo Argentine Commercial College. Together with his wife, Anna Margaretha Jochimsen, they pioneered a new educational model that would become the basis of the international football academy system.

Isaac's legacy is immortalised in Rosario's world-famous Club Atlético Newell's Old Boys.

Artist impression of statue location



Statue in Rosario, Argentina

Fund Raising

- Championing mutual aims in heritage preservation and the future of sport.
- Celebrating a local story with powerful international resonance and meaning.
- Creating a focal point of enduring excellence on the historic Medway waterfront boosting heritage, tourism, and community pride.

Opportunities/Sponsorship

- Website and social media presence.
- Recognition on the statue plinth.
- Media opportunities throughout the campaign.
- VIP attendance at the statue launch event.
- A miniature bronze replica of the statue (for top-level partners).
- Association with an inspiring heritage story embraced by a worldwide community.

Become the Legacy. Support Us.

Support the Isaac Newell statue project and help us celebrate history by funding and erecting a life-size bronze statue by 2028.

Become involved in honouring and memorialising Isaac's visionary gift to the world of sport and education.

Help us continue his legacy! Every donation is a direct investment in the brighter future of young people in sport and education.

Be a part of this global story!

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