

# Hillsborough fans unlawfully killed

The 96 Liverpool football fans who were crushed to death in the 1989 Hillsborough disaster were “unlawfully killed”, a jury has concluded, and were in no way to blame for the crush at the turnstiles



## JURY CONCLUSIONS

*“Justice flames” on club crest commemorate 96 victims*

- Police errors caused dangerous situation at turnstiles
- Failures by commanding officers caused crush on terraces
- There were mistakes in police control box over order to open exit gates at Leppings Lane end
- Defects in design, construction and layout of stadium, and error in safety certification, contributed to disaster

- Police and ambulance service delayed declaring major incident – thus delaying emergency response
- **Sheffield Wednesday FC** failed to approve plans for dedicated turnstiles for each pen
- Inadequate signage at club and misleading information on tickets
- Officials should have requested delay in kick-off due to huge number of fans trying to enter ground