

'THERE IS NO CURE' Liverpool star Simon Mignolet tells of hell over his stricken uncle suffering motor neurone disease

Belgian will host a gala dinner and coach 100 kids to raise money for charity

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LIVERPOOL keeper Simon Mignolet has revealed his torment at his uncle being stricken by motor neurone disease.

The Belgium international has launched two projects in his home town Sint Truiden to raise funds for research into the muscle-wasting sickness.



Simon Mignolet has revealed that his uncle suffers from motor neurone disease

Mignolet, 28, will stage coaching sessions for 100 kids and host a 600-seat gala dinner on June 10. He aims to raise £115,000 for Belgium's ALS Liga charity.

The former Sunderland No.1's uncle Erwin Coppejans has battled MND for ten years.

Ex-Rangers defender Fernando Ricksen, 40, revealed he had been diagnosed with the disease in 2013.

Mignolet said: "The reasons why I want to support the ALS Liga speak for themselves.

"There is still no cure for the sickness. I hope my project can raise a lot of money, in order that more scientific research into the condition can take place."



Erwin Coppejans
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Erwin's partner Heidi Stippelmans said: "We are very grateful to Simon for organising these events.

"Scientific research is crucially important to families affected by MND. We can never thank Simon enough."

Mignolet is in the Belgium squad to face Greece in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday.