



This is my fave picture of us. He had it as his Facebook profile pic!



Niall asleep on my sofa - aww!



At a local fundraising disco, Niall always liked to do his bit for charity!



Niall hurt his knees playing football - you can see how swollen they are!



He taught himself how to play guitar!



Niall and me started dating when he was 16 and I was 14!

One Direction star's ex:

'Niall used to sing to me'

Another **Now** exclusive

Before millions of girls around the world wanted to date him, One Direction's Niall Horan was just a boy who wooed his then girlfriend with Justin Bieber songs

kissed Niall. We met at the school disco and got on really well. After that, we started hanging out, but it was another 18 months until we started dating. Niall was 16 and I was 14. He was lovely - funny, cheeky and kind. He was also really affectionate - we called each other "babe" and he'd always end his texts with a kiss. It was all very innocent but he was a very good kisser!

ROMANTIC DATES
He may be worth £2 million now but two years ago his pocket money didn't stretch that far. Holly reveals: 'We didn't have much cash. On one date, Niall took me to Roma Café in Mullingar for some chips which probably cost about two Euros [£1.60]. 'Even back then, I knew he'd go far. He was always singing and playing his guitar and was really good. He used to sing me songs

he'd written or covers, like Justin Bieber's Baby or Jason Mraz's I'm Yours. Once he paid 15 Euros [£12] to hire a boat and rowed me across a lake while singing to me.'

X FACTOR SPLIT US UP
In 2010, nine months after he began dating Holly, Niall made it through to the final stages of The X Factor and needed to spend more time in London. Holly says: 'We were apart for four weeks, which felt really long because we used to see each other all the time. One day Niall called and said: "I think we should finish because I never see you." I said: "Yeah, I know. I understand. So it's cool."

'I think he felt bad because he kept saying: "I'm so sorry." I tried to sound like it was no big deal but it was a bit sad for me. I liked him more than I'd let on. I missed him but we still talked on Skype and we met up whenever he was back.'

BULLYING HELL
However, last month, Holly experienced the dark side of Niall's fame. After hearing about their relationship, some One Direction fans turned nasty on Twitter. Holly says: 'Hearing that "RIP Holly Scally" was trending was terrifying. I was so furious that I hit back and said my new boyfriend was "better than Niall f**ing Horan". 'In Mullingar using the F word is so common, I meant it as a joke. But when a newspaper ran the story, the hate escalated and one girl Tweeted that I should kill myself.

'I sent Niall a direct message asking if he'd please Tweet his fans to calm down, but he didn't say anything. Maybe he didn't see my message.'

WE'RE STILL FRIENDS
'It's weird to see Niall on TV and to think he's the boy I used to meet outside the Spar shop.

'NIALL WAS A VERY GOOD KISSER'

When Holly met Harry...

On one of his return trips to Mullingar in late summer 2010, Niall brought bandmate Harry Styles with him. 'Harry was nice and funny,' says Holly. 'We all watched Paranormal Activity on DVD at mine and the lads made out they weren't scared, but we were all jumpy. Niall was getting an allowance from The X Factor, so he paid for a Domino's pizza. 'For a laugh, Harry tried on the onesie I'd got as a Christmas present. He found

the leprechaun beard and hat and put them on. Then he bounced downstairs on cushions as if he was sledging. We were in fits. 'Harry's charming and very flirty. When he talks he looks you right in the eye, so you feel he's really interested. He's very tactile and when he becomes your friend, he's quite cuddly. He flashes that lovely smile and his dimples are so cute!' The next day Holly, Harry and Niall took the train to Dublin. 'They played guitar and sang in the middle of a music shop. It's funny to think no one knew they'd soon be world-famous.' Holly's spoken to the other 1D boys on Skype and says they're all 'really lovely'. But she admits: 'I liked Harry best because he was so hilarious - and gorgeous!'

I last saw him two months ago when he was in a car in Mullingar and I was walking down the street and we waved. 'I'm so proud to see him do amazingly well and I'd be really pleased to see him happy with a girlfriend. I don't think Niall has a type, but I think he really likes girls who enjoy listening to him sing and who he can have a good laugh with.'

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He picked up this pink guitar and I burst out laughing!



Bet you've never seen a leprechaun like this!