**The Tarmac Walkers Go West Again, Thursday 17th March 2022**

17 walkers, 13 miles – leader Ron Williamson

Another splendid sunny day for a return to West London.

The now gentrified streets of Notting Hill made it hard to imagine the area's turbulent past, as we explored thoroughfares which once were the scene of some of the most violent riots of our times, during that period, the late 50's to70, the area had also gained a reputation as a centre for alternative culture. A trip along Portobello Road and then to the piggeries, the former potteries and a long forgotten horse race course and Notting Hill gave way to Kensington.

Now followed an enthralling saunter through the squares and mews of one of London's most prestigious post codes, culminating in a stroll along the impressive Kensington Palace Gardens.

Part three of today's walk was an exploration of the central Royal Parks as we made our easterly way towards our destination of Waterloo station. As usual they were in pristine condition with the floral displays looking magnificent in the late afternoon sunshine.