

## **CHICHESTER WALLS WALK REVIEW TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2019.**

The sky was almost a faultless blue yet with a biting north wind as 22 Gentle Walkers assembled at the Cattle Market car park. Time to get away from the excesses of the holiday season with a gentle walk.

The walk commenced from Eastgate and then onto the wall with breaks to cross various roads towards the Cathedral ending up in the attractive Bishop's Palace gardens. Various stops on route were made to cover the Tribal/ Roman history of the site, the re-founding of the town under Alfred the Great, the Norman remains of the Motte and Bailey castle, and the ecclesiastical history of the area.

Previous gentle walks over the past year to Selsey, Church Norton, Boxgrove and Burpham added to our knowledge of the importance of Chichester.

The walls around the Bishops Palace gave enough shelter for pinks and geraniums to still be in flower-unbelievable for January. There was a great excuse to look into residents back gardens, as a secret city within a city was revealed.

On our way through the Bishops garden we encountered the BBC Look South TV entourage filming, whether we will appear in the final shots remains to be seen.

Great to see more new members for our Walk and Talk.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed it as I had to leave everyone outside the cloisters as I had to go for my tonsorial operation.

Tom and Mary Little