

Visit Report
Art and Beauty in Holland Park –
Sambourne House and the Leighton House Museum
Thursday 29 Sept 2016

I am happy to report that our visits to Sambourne House and the Leighton Museum were enjoyed by all. Our party (comprising 12 members and guests) was split into two at Sambourne House with one group being conducted around by the lady of the house, Mrs Sambourne, and the other by the housekeeper, Mrs Jeffell, both in period costume. Their presentations were highly amusing and instructive. In the afternoon we visited Edward Lord Leighton's Museum and were led around by our erudite guide, Ms Bulger. All guides on the day greatly added value to the event.

The only disappointment in an otherwise fine day was at The Britannia where we took lunch. They had reserved our table as promised, but were so understaffed that we had to wait for an hour before the first dishes began to appear. As a result, members needed to purchase more drinks than they had intended and were unable to order and enjoy their puddings. This is proof again that Organisers need to allow for at least a two-hour lunch break in their timetables.

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