

## **LEIGHTON HOUSE**

### **Visit on 12th March 2026**

On a really windy day, 23 of us made our way to Leighton House, a beautiful, large Victorian house just off Kensington High Street. This was the home and studio of Lord Frederic Leighton.

We were fortunate to have in our Guide, Angela, someone who was both highly knowledgeable, with a light touch, and also clearly loved Leighton House. Angela described how the house had been extensively added to over the years. Almost all of the original collection was sold off on Leighton's death at his request, and ever since there have been successful concerted efforts to get items back, or to reproduce them as closely as possible to the original.

Angela talked us round the various rooms, with the most breathtaking of all undoubtedly being the Arab Hall, a riot of colour and design decorated in the Middle Eastern style.

Leighton possessed a large fortune, which he used to promote the arts and artists, building a light-filled rooftop studio for himself and others to make and display their creations.