

## London Eye to Greenwich - on foot

The second Water Conservators London Water Walk led by Alison and David Cowie took place on 24 March 2012. The beneficiary this year was the *Cirdan Sailing Trust* which provides disadvantaged young people across the UK with self-development, integration and learning opportunities through the challenge of life at sea aboard large sailing vessels.



Walkers at the Eye - distance covered 20 feet, nine miles to go.

Twenty walkers assembled at the London Eye and followed the South Bank to Tower Bridge. After crossing the Bridge walkers followed the North Bank via Wapping Station, the Prospect of Whitby, and the Great Eastern's building berth to the Greenwich Foot Tunnel - designed by Sir Alexander Binnie. Emerging from the Tunnel on the South Bank the walk continued to the Cutty Sark, looking spectacular after its restoration, and into Greenwich to complete the nine mile walk.

David commented – *'We were jolly lucky with the weather and the walk went very well. Only one fall (grazed nose, first aid applied) and no one got lost or drowned.'*

Although largely redeveloped, the route through docklands provided a constant reminder of London's Victorian heritage, and particularly the contribution made by engineers. Through sponsorship, the walkers almost £1,000 for the Trust.

Cirdan Sailing Trust can be found at: <http://www.cirdansailing.com/>