

### **European Non-Stadia 10km Walk, Funchal, Madeira**

With the various lockdowns it has been very difficult or impossible to continue to hold races however the European Masters event took place at the end of October. Three UK-resident male athletes managed the journey and competed in the 10km walk one of whom was Surrey Walking Club member Francisco Reis, who represents Portugal. Francisco, although slightly below his time, was certainly able to win gold and become European M60 Champion. Overall 33 men took part in this important event and his 7th place compares with 14th place for the 2nd M60 some 3 minutes behind and a total of 7 from across Europe in this age group. There were also three British in the women's race and again one gold as Julie Belfield (Hale, Manchester) won the W50 group.

#### **Results:**

1. S.Borsch (Germany M45 ) 51 min 29 sec; 7. F.Reis (Sy WC M60) 55 min 22 sec; 22. D.Kemp (Arena M60) 1 hr 3 min 28 sec; 25. C.Hobbs (Ashf M65) 1 hr 4 min 8 sec;