Parents force out paedophile

A CONVICTED paedophile, who had been living about 200 yards from the local primary school, has given in to pressure from angry parents and left Llanon.

Paul Francis has left Cwm Prysg, Beul Prysg, where he was living with his mother, after more than two months of protest by parents worried about their children's safety.

He had served 12 months for an offence of indecency with a child in Lincolnshire and was sentenced to six years imprisonment by Leicester Crown Court for indecency with children.

One parent, Roger Turner, said he and other parents were "delighted and relieved".

He said that all along parents had been concerned that Mr Francis had committed serious offences and reoffended, and they would only be satisfied when he left the village.

"I know he's served his sentence but we cannot risk having such an offender in our village."

Mr Francis moved into the village about four months ago, but parents did not find out until about two months later and have been up in arms since.

Soon after his presence was discovered, a public meeting was held between parents and police. Parents decided to form an action group to drive Mr Francis out.

They held marches through the village and up to his house every Saturday and vowed to continue until he left.

Mr Francis claimed around £2,000 worth of damage had been caused to the property by protesters hurling bricks and bottles.

A police spokesman confirmed Mr Francis had moved out.