No clue to cause of holiday home fire

POLICE HAVE not yet established the cause of the holiday home arson in Dyfed and are keeping an open mind on whether it was a Meibion Glyndŵr attack.

Forensic experts sifted through the debris at the isolated house a mile outside the village of Ponthydygroes yesterday and are now carrying out tests to establish how the fire was started.

Dyfed-Powys Police spokesman, Inspector Dai Davies, said, "To date no organisation has claimed responsibility for the arson. At this stage it does not bear the hallmarks of previous incidents of the Meibion Glyndŵr campaign.

"Forensic tests are now being carried out and the results awaited. Until then we are keeping a completely open mind."

A special incident room has been set up in Aberystwyth police station, while detectives are carrying out house-to-house inquiries over a wide area.

The arson, which damaged an upstairs room, could have had disastrous consequences for living next door is a family with four small children.

The house has been owned for some years by a family from Worcestershire, who were there over the Christmas holiday, returning home on New Year's Day.

The alarm was raised shortly after midnight on Monday night.

Police have appealed for witnesses, promising that all information will be treated in the strictest confidence, and have set up a hotline at Aberystwyth police station on 0970 612791.