Holiday home arson attack

by Peter Roberts

Police confirmed this morning that the fire at a rural holiday home in Ceredigion earlier this week was arson, but it did not bear the hallmark of a Meibion Glyndŵr attack.

Forensic scientists spent yesterday afternoon investigating the fire at the house near Ponttrhydygroes, which has been owned by a Worcester teacher and his family for several years.

The alarm was raised shortly after midnight on Monday by Paul Davies who lives with his young family next-door to the unoccupied cottage in New Row — a group of 12 former lead miners’ cottages.

The crew of two fire engines from Aberystwyth and Tregarth confined the damage to the upstairs of the holiday home.

It started in a bedroom but the cause was still being investigated last night.

The owner, Mr. Dan Wickshead, of Oldbury Road, Worcester, was travelling down to Ponttrhydygroes late yesterday afternoon.

@Dyfed-Powys scenes of crime officer Brian Griffiths and a fire officer are pictured, right, about to begin their investigations.