Holiday home hit by mystery blaze

POLICE ARE investigating a mystery fire which destroyed an English couple's £30,000 isolated holiday home in West Wales yesterday.

Detectives are treating the fire at Tregaron, Dyfed, early yesterday as suspicious but have ruled out any link with the campaign of arson waged by Welsh extremists Meblon Glyndwr against second homes in Wales.

The last attack for which extremists claimed responsibility was last August, but a holiday chalet on Porth Dafach Beach South, near Holyhead, was attacked in November.

Last night police tried to contact the owners of the cottage at Tregaron, who are believed to come from the Midlands.

Fire crews were called to the house, Rhosgoch, shortly after 4am yesterday, but they were too late to prevent it from being ruined. Only the four walls were left standing.

Forensic experts from Chester were called to the scene in an effort to discover what caused the fire.

ARSON INVESTIGATION . . . Firemen and police sift through the ashes of the isolated cottage at Tregaron yesterday.