Holiday-cottage blaze is probed

Arson check as second home damaged

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FORENSIC EXPERTS will resume today their examination of the fire-damaged remains of a holiday home in West Wales.

Detectives suspect the blaze in the isolated cottage outside Bethesda, near Tregarth, on Friday was the work of arsonists. The fire started on the ground floor of the house and spread to the first storey. Outhouses from the Crigion Arms were damaged in the blaze.

A police spokesman said further checks would be necessary before the incident could be confirmed as arson. The property, about a mile out of the village, is owned by an English family.

Eight holiday homes in the Principality have been attacked by intruders during a campaign this winter. A group calling themselves Meison Glynhyf (the house of strangers) recently claimed responsibility for attacks in letters to the Western Mail and other media and threatened to step up their action.