



## Watch out for spontaneous events!

Pembrokeshire County Council and Dyfed Powys Police are asking farmers and local landowners and Community Councillors and persons in the community to be on the alert for any signs that spontaneous and pre arranged gatherings are being planned in their locality.

Things to note:

1. Report any suspicious activity immediately to the police.
2. People looking at land or testing hedges, fences or gates.
3. Unusual vehicles driving slowly or stopping in isolated areas.
4. Gatherings of people in and around beaches, vacant land or laybys
5. Report any damage to facilities such as toilets, bus shelters and fences

Mobile phones, text messaging and social networking sites such as facebook has made it easier for organisers to prepare and plan these events.

There is a need for vigilance and landowners are reminded to take simple precautions.

Spontaneous events with gatherings of people can cause considerable anxiety to the community and if they are not dealt with swiftly, they are difficult to stop or otherwise control, - often due to the sheer numbers of people involved and the safety aspects of breaking up such an event.

There is also little doubt that events are well planned, organised and that local knowledge is important in attracting people to a particular vulnerable field or area of land, which has been targeted as a suitable venue.

If you see anything suspicious please contact without delay: - Dyfed Powys Police on 101 and ask to speak to Duty Sergeant or Duty Inspector at Haverfordwest Police Station.

Or contact Pembrokeshire County Council's Out of Hours Service on **01437 775522**.