Saturday and Sunday evenings, from sunset to the early morning hours the following days, Formentera Local Police (PLF) and Formentera Civil Guard (GCF) performed special patrols to prevent illegal parties in Es Cavall d'en Borràs area of the Ses Salines Nature Reserve.

Friday 29 July, an illegal party took place in that area, though law enforcement received no word until the following day, when agents learned about it through videos posted to social media. These patrols will continue in the days ahead.

Ana Juan, president of the Consell de Formentera, has called for a special meeting so the GCF, Coastal Authority and Office of Environment can coordinate around security and "stop these situations that endanger our fragile reserve and are at odds with the quiet island we want".

According to Josep Marí, councillor of interior, "we have repeatedly asked for greater police presence to keep Formentera safe and take aim at illegal parties in protected public spaces and private homes".

On Saturday night there were two illegal parties in two houses in the area of Cala en Baster. PLF and GCF agents responded to the report. In both cases the PLF cited violations of the municipal environmental and public health ordinance on noise and vibratory pollution.

The Consell de Formentera asks islanders to communicate any indication that a large party is being organised to law enforcement officials. Owners of holiday rentals are also reminded that the Consell has prepared a renters' clause prohibiting nuisance activities, parties and over-occupancy and, if implemented, property owners have more legal security and leeway to act in the event one of these situations occurs. It is available on the Consell de Formentera website <u>here</u>.

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