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Armstrong concerned by ammunition find in Portglenone Forest

Ulster Unionist Assembly Member, Billy Armstrong MLA has expressed his concern at devices discovered in Portglenone Forest Park over the weekend. The devices, which were described as 'viable' by the Police, included two pipe bombs, ammunition and fireworks.

The Mid Ulster MLA said,

"I must express my deep concern at the find over the weekend of viable devices and other extremely dangerous items found at Portglenone Forest – endangering lives of people in a public place.

Clearly, those who buried the items in Portglenone Forest Park were intent on using them at a later date to cause serious harm or death to their neighbours – this is another mindless act by individuals that are fixated on dragging us back to the past.

I would urge anyone with information to contact the Police Service of Northern Ireland and further ask that members of the public to remain vigilant for suspicious activity in the area.

Our communities must stand strong against these individuals and re-iterate our support for the Police Service of Northern Ireland by condemning such finds and sharing all relevant information with the authorities."

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