

From Thursday to Sunday, Formentera Local Police (*Policia Local de Formentera, PLF*) responded to 13 illegal house parties on the island, and cited 28 violations of municipal ordinances on the environment, health and pollution. In accordance with legislation on public safety, 26 reports were issued involving disobedience and obstruction of an officer of the law. The department additionally cited 27 vehicles for obstructing the roadway or access to dwellings.

PLF are now making arrangements with estate agencies and property owners, who are required to register guests, to identify and fine guests who refuse to identify themselves pursuant to the law. PLF applauded certain owners for their collaboration. At four of thirteen parties, guests were dispersed when PLF officers arrived on the scene.

On 30 July, PLF and Civil Guard began collaborating on nightly sunset patrols near Es Cavall d'en Borràs to prevent parties in the nature reserve.

Ana Juan and Josep Marí, president and interior councillor of the Consell de Formentera, respectively, praised PLF officers for their tireless work this summer to stop unlawful parties, as well as agents of the Civil Guard and the Citizen Safety Unit of the Civil Guard (USECICO) for their special efforts to keep islanders safe.

## **Itinerant vending**

From May to 7 August, PLF reported 185 cases of itinerant vending. The Consell de Formentera has launched an educational push under the slogan "Protect local commerce: say NO to itinerant vending!" Fruit, drinks, clothing, accessories and jewellery sold on beaches are not subject to legally mandated food and quality controls and represent unfair competition for Formentera businesses.

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