

# Moving News



## “Suivez-vous!” said the Bin Men of Narbonne

**Brothers Andy and John Blues of Taxitruck were led to their destination address in Narbonne, France, by a dust cart. Their previous attempt to reach the address had been thwarted by a low bridge, the customer had failed to mention.**

The brothers had set off from Essex and arrived in France to be hit by torrential storms and floods. Battling on, they were stopped by a Gendarme and French customs proceeded to carry out a thorough search of the vehicle, including the sleeping compartment and lockers, before allowing the vehicle to continue.

“Our client had advised us that the delivery of the contents of the six containers was to a seventh floor apartment overlooking the canal in Narbonne. However, what she had failed to inform us was that there was a low footbridge over the road

leading to the apartment, which left our men a good mile away from their destination,” reported Jan Deal of Taxitruck.

Meanwhile the office staff were liaising with the client’s painter and decorator, who didn’t speak a word of English and could only say “en route, en route”, when they asked to speak to the client.

While sitting at the end of the road, with their hazard lights flashing, awaiting instructions the lads were approached by French dustmen in a dustcart. After much sign language the dustmen finally understood that they didn’t need a tow by the dustcart, it was that they couldn’t get their vehicle under the foot bridge.

After an hour following the dust cart around the narrow streets of Narbonne our crew and vehicle, complete with its dustcart escort, which had now attracted the attention of the Gendarmerie, finally arrived outside the customer’s apartment.



*Andy and John Blue with their vehicle. The photo was taken by the customer.*

“The crew tried to give their “escort” a tip, but they refused and went away happily with six bottles of beer instead. The remainder of the removal was carried out smoothly, and the return journey was relatively uneventful - other

than another search by the French customs.

“Can you imagine being stuck in London and our dustmen helping? I doubt it!” says Jan.