

OVERSEAS LAW

Your British insurance policy covers you for the minimum legal cover in whichever European Union country you are visiting, but foreign police forces (especially French and Spanish) have a pretty intolerant

attitude to foreign bikers hooning around their landscape. If your bike is dragged away by the police, don't expect them to be especially careful about the state your bike comes back in.

As with British police officers, a calm and respectful attitude helps.

“ BEAR IN MIND THE COPPER HAS A GUN AND MATES AT THE END OF A RADIO ”

Most countries have the power for their police officers to impound bikes pending a fine and have tow away and storage fees in line with British ones, or substantially more

If they're going to drag your bike away until you get the cash for a fine, you can't do much about it.

It's probably worth bearing in mind that the copper has got a gun, and all of his mates with guns are on the end of a radio.

