

Forthcoming events:

October 8: Consumer Focus Wales hosts round table event on E.coli

October 14: Publication of Quarterly Energy Report for Wales

Forthcoming reports: Use of the internet in Wales, Poverty Premium in Wales

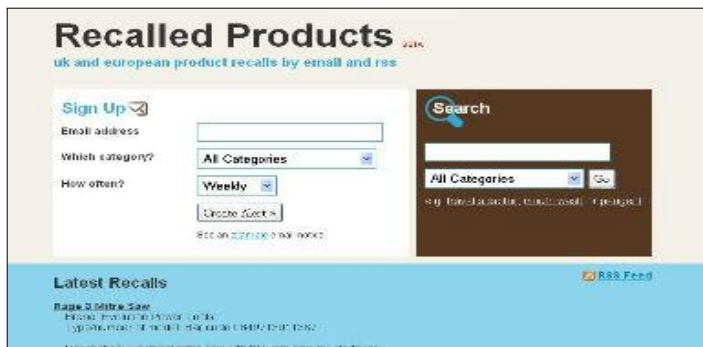
Consumer Focus Wales's monthly newsletter features monthly energy price comparison data.

This month the data compares standard rate dual fuel prices for direct debit and standard credit consumers over a year in North and South Wales, for the six major suppliers. The purpose of this example is to show the differences between suppliers and the power of switching.

[Find out how you could switch](#)

Dangerous toys make up one in three of total recalls

Children's toys account for almost a third of products recalled in the EU in the past four months according to data from Consumer Focus Labs. The [Recalled Products](#) website has recorded the recall of 680 faulty products in the EU since its launch last May, at an average of 34 per week. Consumers from more than 70 countries have so far used the site, which collects product recall data from the UK and the European Commission and publishes them via weekly or monthly email alerts and RSS feeds. Joe Cicero, Web Systems Developer at Consumer Focus Labs,



said: "Defective products can pose a real danger to consumers who are often unaware that they should be returned. "The battle against faulty and dangerous products lies at the birth of the consumer movement. Traditionally, consumers become aware of recalls through chance - notices in newspapers and shops and occasionally checking

existing online listings services. CF Labs' *Recalled Products* solves this problem by offering consumers the ability to stay up to date with recalls." The site also provides advice on what to do if they purchased any of the recalled items. To sign up to the site please visit <http://recalledproducts.org>

News from Consumer Focus Wales

- [Bid to rebuild shattered public confidence in food safety](#)
- [Energy suppliers in price cuts row](#)
- [Label GM food products to give consumers choice](#)
- [Support for GM ban slips but most shoppers stay confused](#)
- [Is tide turning in favour of GM food?](#)

- Western Mail, October 5
- Western Mail, September 16
- Western Mail, September 8
- Western Mail, September 8
- Daily Post, September 8

Energy price comparison data

£/year	British Gas	EDF	Npower	E.On	Scottish Power	Swalec/SSE
Dual fuel – direct debit						
North Wales	£1123	£1142	£1160	£1136	£1168	£1145
South Wales	£1144	£1157	£1160	£1147	£1137	N/A
Dual fuel – standard credit						
North Wales	£1198	£1184	£1265	£1234	£1358	£1205
South Wales	£1219	£1199	£1265	£1246	£1353	£1217