



Your letters



Hamster alert

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Your report on shredders was interesting. But I wasn't happy with one of the possible uses you gave for shredded paper if a council won't take it. Using it as bedding for a rabbit may be fine but it's not suitable for small animals such as hamsters. This is because there can be staples in it and some of the print may be toxic if a hamster eats it or carries it around in its pouches.

JEMMA SHARROCK, CREWE

WHICH? SAYS Thanks. The RSPCA confirms this. Unless you're sure the paper contains non-toxic ink and is staple-free, don't use it for hamsters and other small rodents. It should be OK for rabbits.



Jemma and Toffie the hamster

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You give us your comments on what you've read in *Which?*

And a round of roast

Which?, February 07, p6

I think that Sainsbury's has to be best value for money when it comes to breakfast – for, according to your list of options, it also offers a roast along with bacon, beans, egg, hash brown, sausage and tomato. Surely that will satisfy even the hungriest customer and, at only £2.49, it certainly represents better value for money than Ikea. Yes, I know it was a misprint and should have read toast – but it did make me laugh. I wonder how many readers will now be asking for a roast with their breakfast in Sainsbury's!

DAVID LEEK, NEWPORT

Small products

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At last you've realised that your prudent members do not need to buy TVs, washing machines and other electrical goods and gadgets every month and have started to test products such as kitchen cleaners and razors, which people buy every week.

BG, BY EMAIL

Water meters

Which?, January 07, p28

You say you'd like to see a change to the rule that means that if you move to a property with a water meter, you're stuck with it. Why are you not in favour of water meters for everyone? There's no other commodity I can think of where you pay a fixed amount regardless of how much you use, as you do with unmetered water. Our meter came with the house, so I can't comment on any reduction in bills. But it's

certainly made us more conscious of how water much we use – and in these days of water shortages, this can only be a good thing.

PAUL WRIGHT, KENT

WHICH? SAYS Metering can help conserve water and benefit areas where water is scarce. But unless suitable measures are in place to help towards the cost of water bills, we think that it penalises some customers, such as large families on low incomes. See p8 for news on compulsory water metering.

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Hospital parking

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One of the biggest problems with hospital parking is surely the use of pay and display. When you arrive for an appointment, you rarely know whether you'll be there for half an hour or half a day. You can pay for, say, two hours and either waste 90 minutes of it or end up with a fine for overstaying. This increases revenue and saves on the cost of staff at exit barriers. It's a rip-off.

DAVID HAVERTY, NEWBURY

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