

## Purchasing Fuel

Deregulation in the gas and electricity market has opened up competition to make it possible to shop around for the most competitive rates.

Unlike normal households, businesses are not free to switch suppliers at any time. You may be tied to contracts which are then automatically rolled over to higher rates.

### Tips

- ❖ On receipt of a bill, if an estimated reading is quoted contact the utility company with the correct meter reading – avoid unexpected large bills
- ❖ Always check that the current reading on the last bill is the same as the previous reading on the current bill
- ❖ Check the bill is yours – mistakes do happen!
- ❖ You may be on an old preserved tariff (such as a 3 part tariff). Check that you will still be on this tariff if you switch suppliers.

Community First has teamed up with ***Make it Cheaper*** to help rural community buildings benefit from the best available energy prices on the market.

***Make it Cheaper*** reads the small print, knows how and when to serve notice and can advise its customers on how to get on and stay on competitive energy rates. Switching suppliers can save you up to 50% on your bills and can be done with the help of a broker over the phone in minutes. It costs nothing to switch and your supply will not be interrupted.

To take advantage of this free opportunity download and sign with your hall details the Letter of Authority on the Community First website: [www.communityfirst.org.uk](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk) link on the Village Hall pages. Please return the letter to ***Make it Cheaper***, 111 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7UE. Fax no: 0845 8332714