

Food Shopping tips

A young person's guide for Carmarthenshire

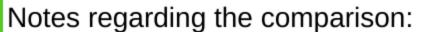
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- Money- I need some!
- Money- putting some aside
- Budgeting



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Here we have taken some popular items in a popular supermarket and compared branded and non branded equivalents.

Weight

How many grams (g) in a kilogram (kg)?

> 1 KG = 1000g3/4 KG = 750g1/2 KG = 500g1/4 KG = 250g

Volume

How many mililitres (ml) in a litre (L)?

= 1000ml 750ml 3/4 L =500ml 1/2 L = 1/4 L = 250 ml

Pints and litres?

1 pint = 568 ml

Price Comparison- Supermarket

TESCO Branded Products

• £2.65
• 80p
• £1.89
• £1.10
• £3
• £3.80
• £1.50
• £2.05
• £2
• £3
• £1.50
• 69p
• £2.80
• £2.30
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SAVING WHEN BUYING NON BRANDED £9.90 or

34%

Some supermarkets offer delivery. Think about:

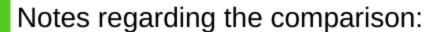
- The cost of delivery
- The minimum spend needed. Can you afford this?

Delivery

TESCO Non-branded Products

- Tea Bags (80 Bags) • £1.10
- Semi skilled milk (2 pints) • 80p
- Corn Flakes (500g) • 60p
- White Bread (800g) • 59p
- Medium Strength Cheese (460g) • £2.30
- Chicken Breasts (650g) • £3.80
- £1.50 Potatoes (2kg)
- Frozen Peas (1kg) • £1.20
- Sausages (2 x 8 pack/ 2x 454g)
- Cola (2L) x 2
- Chocolate Digestives (300g) • 60p
- Silver Spoon Sugar (1kg) • 69p
- Tomato Ketchup (990g) • £1
- Baked Beans (4 tins) • £1

TOTAL £19.18



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TOTAL £15.94



Here we have taken some popular items in two popular supermarkets and compared their prices.



When looking at the price per kg of each item, Lidl was the cheapest for every product used in the example.

Price Comparison

ASDA Non-branded products

• Tea Bags (80 Bags)	• £1
Semi skilled milk (2 pints)	• 79p
• Corn Flakes (450g)	• 77p
White Bread (800g)	• 55p
Medium Strength Cheese (500g)	• £2.49
Chicken Breasts (650g)	• £3.59
• Potatoes (2.5kg)	• £1
• Frozen Peas (1kg)	• 99p
• Sausages (8 pack/454g)	• £1.50
• Cola (2L)	• 50p
 Chocolate Digestives (300g) 	• 44p
• Sugar (1kg)	• 65p
Tomato Ketchup (720g)	• 67p
Baked Beans (4 tins)	• £1

VS

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SHOPS

£3 or 19%

LIDL Non-branded Products

- 99p
 Tea Bags (160 Bags)
- 79p
 Semi skilled milk (2 pints)
- 50p
 Corn Flakes (500g)
- 49p White Bread (800g)
- £1.79 Medium Strength Cheese (400g)
- £2.35 Chicken Breasts (590g)
- £1
 Potatoes (2.5kg)
- 79p Frozen Peas (900g)
- £1.35 Sausages (8 pack/454g)
- 39p Cola (2L)
- 42p
 Chocolate Digestives (300g)
- 65p
 Silver Spoon Sugar (1kg)
- 45p
 Tomato Ketchup (560g)
- 98p
 Baked Beans (4 tins)

TOTAL £12.94

Travel

Think about how you get to the shop of your choice. If there is a shop close to you, this may be the cheapest option. For example if ASDA is close and Lidl is a £4 bus journey away, ASDA is the cheapest based on the example above

Local Markets

You may also want to try your local market when buying food. Prices can vary but in a market you can buy the exact amount you need, reducing food you waste.

Carmarthenshire

- Ammanford (every Friday)
- Carmarthen
- Llandeilo (every Friday)
- Llandovery (every Friday)
- Llanelli





Shops

- There is perhaps an overwhelming amount of choice both on the types of shops and what each shop sells.
- This can make it hard to know if you are getting good value
- It is important to shop around a little to understand where you can save



For 'convenience' shops are selling preprepared food such as ready grated cheese and pre cut carrots.

This is often much more expensive than unprepared food.

For example:

- Grated cheese (250g)- £7.60 per kg
- Block of cheese (460g) £5 per kg

Brands

- You can save so much money by not buying brands, it is worth thinking about what items you buy
- If however, you only want that specific brand you still need to shop around
- Many shops fight each other for the best price on a brand name
- Also don't forget shops such as B&M and Home Bargains sell a large range of branded products usually at good prices
- It is worth remembering branded and non branded products are sometimes made in the same factory!

Here we will look at the range of choices when it comes to shopping for food. Choice in terms of where to go and what to buy.....

Where can I go?

There are so many places you can go to buy food

- Supermarkets include Tesco, ASDA, Morrisons and Sainsbury's
- 'Discounters' include Aldi and Lidl
- Convenience include: Coop, Tesco Express and NISA Local
- Other shops include Iceland, B&M, Home Bargains, Poundstretcher, Poundland
- Local markets- often have fruit and veg stalls, butchers etc
- When thinking about where to go, also think about the cost of getting there and back. Do you need to get a bus? Can you walk?

Usually, but not always a convenience shop will be more expensive than buying in any of the others but it will be closer to your home.

T. British
Mature Cheddar
Cheese 460G

£5 per kg
1.084810702/5557545877906/05

£2.30

Cheapest?

- Prices can be very confusing
- The best way to know if you are getting value is to look at the price per kg that is displayed on the shelf price
- The lower the number the cheaper it is!

Speak to your Personal Advisor about completing an accredited learning module in topics such as:

- Cooking Skills: Introduction to following a recipe
- Independent Living Skills



Useful websites

Food safety and waste:

- https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/
- https://www.food.gov.uk/food-safety

Food comparison and saving money

- www.latestdeals.co.uk/
- https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/

Recipe ideas etc

- https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/feature/ budget
- http://allrecipes.co.uk/recipes/tag-5555/budget-cooking-for-one.aspx
- https://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/ca tegory/course/cheap-cheerful/





As a country we waste about a third of the food produced. A significant part of this is household food waste which means wasted money.

Ways to reduce your waste therefore **save you money**:

- · Only buy what you need
- Make a shopping list before you go shopping
- Follow the storage instructions on packets
- Get boxes or bags to put your leftovers in
- The freezer is your friend! Freezing food close to their use by date will make them last longer.
- Split packs of meat into smaller meal size portions and freeze them in separate bags.
- Use an app such as Supercook to get recipes for what you have left in the fridge

You also need to make sure you following recycling guidelines where you live. If you put food waste in your rubbish you may get fined.

https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ho me/council-services/recycling-bins-andlitter/food-waste/#.XI551aj7RPY

Best Before v Use by

- A best before date is a guide date. It does not mean you can't eat the food after this date. It should last much longer than this
- Use by- a strict date by which you should use the food (the date does not count if you have frozen the food before the use by date)



Here are some useful tips for saving money and

reducing your waste.

- When shopping pay attention to the size of the packet or bottle.
- They are often packaged to look bigger than they really are
- An example is Poundland selling a 4 pack of Walkers crisps when in Supermarkets they may be a 6 pack or 8 pack.



- To get food at a low price or free, you could try the Too Good to Go or Olio apps.
- These offer food that would otherwise get thrown out at a very low price or FREE to pick up
- Places offering food include restaurants, hotels and supermarkets

Discounts

There may be ways of getting discounts on items:

- Supermarkets sometimes have a money off voucher in a newspaper.
- A supermarket magazine may have money off vouchers for the shop or certain products
- If you go to the shop in the early evening there are sections of 'reduced' items that are still perfectly fine to eat but have a short date. They usually have an orange or yellow sticker



