

WORK is finally under way on Tenterden's supermarket complex.

The Waitrose development, on the site of the town's former bus station, will form the focal point of a new shopping precinct.

The scheme should be completed this autumn, in time for Christmas trading.

Marketing of four shop units - providing 6,000 square feet - by joint agents GA Commercial (Ashford) and Cluttons will start in the spring.

More small, high-quality shop units are planned within the complex and pedestrianisation of Sayers Lane is likely to follow.



Builder's sub-agent Neil Fisher checks progress on the Waitrose site.

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## Teachers show their support for ambulance crews' action

PLACARD-waving staff from Homewood School, Tenterden, stood alongside the busy A28 on Tuesday to demonstrate their support for the ambulance workers' national pay claim.

They delayed the planned 15 minute stoppage until 12.30pm so that lessons would not be disrupted.

They invited leading ambulanceman David Pearce and ambulanceman Ron Martin to join them from the Cranbrook station that covers the area - and presented them with £75 from a staff collection.

Mr Pearce said: "We hope that this demonstration of support and others throughout the country will persuade the Government to sit down and discuss the situation again."

At Cranbrook 12 ambulancemen have been suspended without pay and are relying on the support of the public in the 20th week of the dispute.

More than 40 staff took part in the protest, leaving a handful to supervise pupils during the lunch break.

Teacher Brian Fagg said staff individually wanted to give a vote of support to the ambulance workers' case, but there was no question of secondary picketing or demonstrating as a union.

Pupils cheered staff as they stood outside the school gates and passing motorists flashed lights.



## First step in helping town youngsters

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TENTERDEN has taken the first steps towards providing homes more of its young folk can afford.

The town council and local people met Ashford housing officer Jo Passmore on Monday, to hear how to go about providing low cost homes.

Ashford council has earmarked two Tenterden sites suitable for such property - at Priory Way, off Shrubcote and at Rogersmead.

Tenterden deputy mayor Cllr Jill Kirk said the meeting was positive but no decisions were taken.

The subject was likely to be discussed at the next town council general purposes committee meeting.

### Permission

Cllr Kirk said Ashford planning officials said it was not necessary to survey Tenterden to find out its needs. This was probably because a local needs housing scheme could only scratch the surface.

However she felt there should be a survey should be carried out although there was a problem over who could do it.

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## Storm topples ancient cross

AN ANCIENT stone cross which had stood above the porch of Smallhythe Church for 470 years was toppled by Thursday's storm.

The cross stood on a pedestal and was more than four foot high. As it fell, it made a hole in the porch roof and slates were smashed. One arm of the cross broke off when it landed in the churchyard.

A service was held in the church, as usual, on Sunday. See pages six and seven for a storm round-up and pictures.