



THE RAILWAY

Alan Warhurst who carried out the excavations of the Jutish Cemetery in the 1950s, wrote the following regarding the archaeology found in Lyminge when the Elham Valley Railway Line was constructed:

“In 1890, Canon Jenkins, a noted Lyminge antiquary, reported to the Society of Antiquaries that a number of burials of Saxon date had been discovered during the cutting of the Elham Valley Railway line. The burial goods included a garnet set radiate-headed brooch and a knobbed cruciform brooch, the foot of which terminates in an animal head. Spearheads and shield bosses were also found.

“The site of these finds stands upon rising ground on the opposite side of the Elham Valley from the parish church and geographically the finds are more closely linked with a settlement on the site of modern Lyminge than are those of the newly discovered cemetery. Their date, however, would seem to indicate that the cemetery from which they came from was in use about the same time, and possibly a little earlier, than the other.”¹

Further Information and Reading:

The Jutish Cemetery at Lyminge by Alan Warhurst. Published in *Archaeologia Cantiana* Volume 69 1955.

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¹ *The Jutish Cemetery at Lyminge* by Alan Warhurst published in *Archaeologia Cantiana*, Volume 69, 1955