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SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
<a href="#">MWA1983</a>	<a href="#">Site of Migration Cemetery at Emscote</a>	<a href="#">Monument</a>

The site of an Anglo Saxon cemetery dating to the Migration period. The cemetery was discovered by work men in 1852 and again in 1921. The Myton Brooch (now in Warwick Museum) came from here. The site lies between Mercia Way and the River Avon, Warwick.

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### Type and Date

CEMETERY (Migration - 410 AD to 800 AD)

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred SP 2963 6526 (138m by 92m)

#### Civil Parish

Warwick, Warwick, Warwickshire

#### Address

Narn - 21, Mapsheet - SP26NE

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### Historic Names

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### Description

<1> In Warwick Museum is a remarkable brooch found near the railway at Emscote Road. It is sometimes called the Myton brooch. It was discovered about 1852 by a labourer while digging a gravel pit. It is supposed that there were several burials in the same locality, but no exact details are available. It is known that the brooch was associated with a skull, a large crystal bead and part of a silver ring.

<2> 1921: While excavating for gravel on the right bank of the River Avon at Emscote the workmen disturbed several Saxon interments. At that time five or six graves had been found and a further one was discovered later. Among the finds were spear-heads, brooches and shield-bosses. The skeletons were in a poor state of preservation. With one skeleton a necklet or torque was found. It was made of silver, and is a ring of about 11 cm in diameter, round in section and varying in thickness from 0.4 cm to 0.2 cm. It was fastened around the neck of the wearer by a hook and eye. According to the labourers two gilt-bronze saucer brooches were found with the necklet. From other burials came a pair of 'long' brooches and a pair of flat disc brooches. A Roman brooch was also found.

<3> Descriptive text.

<4> Myton brooch found at SP2965. Anglo Saxon cemetery at SP2965. Information for both from P B Chatwin, 27:01:1949.

<5> Finds in Warwick Museum included the Myton brooch, a large faceted quartz bead and a saucer brooch.

<6> It is not known if any other graves were destroyed. Finds are in Warwick Museum, the British Museum and the Stratford Museum.

<7> The '1921' date recorded above is not referred to by any of the sources that the HER holds and it is currently unknown where this comes from. Another article found whilst searching for anything to corroborate the 1921 date notes finds being made in the summer of 1923.

<8> A brief article published in 1925 notes the summer 1923 discovery of a series of Anglo-Saxon graves at Emscote between the railway and the River Avon. This records that the remains of five or six interments were found. These were reported to the Mayor of Warwick, before recording work was carried out by Philip B Chatwin.

<9> <10> The area to the west is marked as an area of Woodland on the OS 1887 1:500 map. The trees seem well established. The trees are still marked on the OS 2nd edition (1:2500 1905) map but they are gone and a mound with a flat top is marked on the OS 3rd edition (1:2500 1925) map. The OS 1:1250 1952 map shows the area with no mound and completely flat, probably prepared for the housing that goes in just north of this area in the late 50s/early 60s.

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### Sources

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- (2) Bibliographic reference: Chatwin P B. 1926. TBAS vol 51. Volume - 51, Page Ref - 39-40
- (3) Bibliographic reference: 1852. Arch J. Volume - 9, Page Ref - 179
- (4) Map: JMM. 44NE. Volume - Annotated Map, Page Ref - 33SW

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- (5) Record Card/Form: WM. Volume - Accession Card, Page Ref - 243-4, 1442
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  - (7) Verbal communication: Keith Elliott. 2016. Personal Comment.
  - (8) Article in serial: P B Chatwin. 1925. Anglo-Saxon Finds at Warwick. 5:3, 268-272.
  - (9) Map: Ordnance Survey. 1900-1905. 2nd edition 1:2500. Map.
  - (10) Map: Ordnance Survey. 1913-1927. 3rd edition 1:2500. Map.
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**Status and other reference**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)

Active

Old SMR PrefRef - 1983

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**Associated Finds**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EWA4514 (Stray Find)

EWA5811 (Excavation)

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**Associated Individuals**

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**Associated Organisations**

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