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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior II, G-BSIB

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date & Time (UTC): 4 December 1992 at 1515 hrs

Location: Halfpenny Green Airfield, West Midlands

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to outboard leading edge of right wing, and inboard rear spar/fuselage attachment

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 154 hours (of which 21 were on type)
Last 90 days - 9 hours
Last 28 days - 3 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft had landed at Halfpenny Green after a flight from Gloucestershire Airport, and was being taxied to park in the vicinity of the hangars. The hardstanding around the hangars was unusually congested with parked aircraft because the usual grass parking areas on the aerodrome were affected by waterlogging. The commander stated that as he taxied towards hangar 5, looking ahead to avoid parked aircraft, the outboard leading edge of the right wing came into contact with a small concrete building adjacent to the hardstanding. The building was described as being some two metres high, and located approximately one metre from the edge of the hardstanding. The commander commented that it was not observed prior to impact because its colour (natural concrete) blended in with the background.

Since this occurrence, the aerodrome operator has painted the building with white paint in order to improve its visibility.