

**INCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Schweizer 269C Schweizer 300, G-WARK	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming HIO-360-D1A piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1989	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	5 May 2008 at 1600 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Private landing ground 3 nm east of Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorks	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Extensive airframe damage	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	45 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	350 hours (of which 330 were on type) Last 90 days - 30 hours Last 28 days - 9 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

**Synopsis**

Following an uneventful flight from Bagby, the pilot landed the helicopter on the landing site at his house near Selby. He was reducing the engine speed prior to shutting down, when an empty cement bag blew up into the main rotor. The bag was of the woven fabric variety, capable of holding approximately one cubic metre, or one tonne of material, and thus represented a substantial object in terms of bulk. Damage was

sustained by a rotor blade, causing it to fly out of track, and the associated imbalance resulted in extensive damage to the airframe, including the cabin and tail boom.

Building work was being conducted at his premises and he considered that the bag was associated with this work.