

SERIOUS INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, G-AVLJ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1967	
Date & Time (UTC):	3 July 2010 at 1617 hrs	
Location:	Jersey Airport, Channel Islands	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Left windscreen shattered	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	43 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	686 hours (of which 597 were on type) Last 90 days - 24 hours Last 28 days - 13 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The aircraft was on final approach and had been cleared to land when a seagull flew into the aircraft's flight path. The pilot was unable to take avoiding action and the bird struck the left windscreen causing it to shatter. The remains of the bird entered the cockpit and hit the pilot, dislodging his headset. The pilot was able to make a

normal landing, after which he recovered the headset from the rear of the aircraft and informed ATC of the incident. The pilot then taxied the aircraft to its assigned parking place where he received first aid for minor injuries.