

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior III, G-WARU	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1997	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	11 April 2011 at 0952 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Leicester Airport	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to left wingtip of G-WARU; damage to windscreen and door pillar of parked Robinson R22 helicopter G-BTHI	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	61 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	110 hours (of which 110 were on type) Last 90 days - 16 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The Warrior was taxiing to a parking area when it encountered another aircraft taxiing towards it. The pilot of the Warrior turned left onto another taxiway which also led to the intended parking area. The width of this taxiway was reduced by fixed-wing aircraft parked on the right with their nosewheels on the taxiway and three helicopters parked on the left with

both skids on the taxiway. Whilst attempting to taxi through the line of aircraft the Warrior's left wingtip struck a parked R22 helicopter. The pilot informed the Tower and shut the aircraft down. He then measured the wingspan of the Warrior as being 10 paces and the gap, 11 paces.