
ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, G-ATUD	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1966	
Date & Time (UTC):	11 September 2009 at 1130 hrs	
Location:	Belle Vue Airstrip, Yarnscombe, Devon	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - 1 (Serious)
Nature of Damage:	Extensive	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	74 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	403 hours (of which 303 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot made an approach to Runway 08 at Belle Vue in benign conditions with an easterly wind estimated at 10 kt. The approach became slightly high and the pilot reduced power. He became distracted by a high-sided lorry travelling along the road immediately short of the runway, and watched it clear the runway centreline. Returning his attention to the ASI, he realised he had

not been monitoring his speed and the aircraft was low and slow. He added power but the aircraft sank and the landing gear caught on the boundary hedge, causing the aircraft to pitch inverted and impact the ground on the runway threshold, sustaining substantial damage. Both occupants vacated the aircraft through the door. There was no fire.