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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-151 Cherokee Warrior, G-BNNT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1976

Date & Time (UTC): 21 July 1991 at 1725 hrs

Location: Wallingford, Oxfordshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: General creasing/denting to left side of aircraft; left main landing gear detached; engine shock loaded and propeller damaged beyond repair.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 34 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 82 hours (of which 39 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and subsequent AAIB enquiries

The landing strip at Wallingford was designated 02, was about 505 metres long and had a grass surface. At the time of the accident, the grass was short and dry and the surface wind was calm. The pilot applied the brakes, after touchdown, and the aircraft swerved slightly to the left. He realised that he was going to hit some hay bales, which were situated close to the left edge of the runway, and applied full power in order to go around. The propeller and then the left main landing gear struck the bales; the throttle was closed and the aircraft came to a halt near the end of the runway. The pilot was wearing diagonal upper torso restraint and escaped without injury.