

# Piper PA-22-160, G-APYN

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-22-160, G-APYN

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-B2B piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1959

**Date & Time (UTC):** 13 February 2000 at 1145 hrs

**Location:** Lizards Farm Strip, Co Durham

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to propeller and wing

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 45 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 196 hours (of which 124 were on type)

Last 90 days - 9 hours

Last 28 days - 5 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot intended to conduct a local flight from the farm strip. Prior to the flight he inspected the surface of the runway and ensured that all the relevant NO ENTRY signs were in place. Runway 33, which had a dry grass surface, was in use. The surface wind was 300°/12 kt and the weather was CAVOK. During the initial element of the take off the pilot saw a car manoeuvring on land adjacent to the runway. He believed that the car was about to enter the runway area and so he decided to abort the take off. During the subsequent braking the propeller struck the ground, the aircraft yawed to the right and further damage was sustained by the wing. The pilot, who was uninjured, vacated the aircraft unaided.