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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior II, G-BSVG

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1984

Date & Time (UTC): 11 August 1995 at 1605 hrs

Location: Wycombe Air Park, Buckinghamshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose landing gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 75 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 18,391 (of which 220 were on type)
Last 90 days - 9 hours
Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was returning to land on the grass Runway 17 at Wycombe Air Park after a local flight. The pilot reported that he had made a normal approach at 60 to 65 kt. The initial ground contact was smooth but positive, and an almost immediate encounter with a ridge on the surface caused the aircraft to bounce. The subsequent touchdown was on the nosewheel.

The pilot commented that he had applied too little corrective action too late to prevent the final touchdown on the nosewheel.