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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-32-300 Cherokee Six, G-BADO
No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming IO-540-K1A5 piston engine
Year of Manufacture: 1971
Date & Time (UTC): 21 October 1993 at 1445 hrs
Location: Eaglescott Airfield, Devon
Type of Flight: Private
Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Moderate to airframe, propeller and landing gear
Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age: 44 years
Commander's Flying Experience: 71 hours (of which 25 were on type)
Last 90 days - 12 hours
Last 28 days - 10 hours
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on Runway 08 with a surface wind of 010°/15 kt. Following a normal touchdown and a ground roll of some 30 metres, the aircraft veered to the left and departed the grass runway. After travelling a further 30 metres, the aircraft came to rest in a ditch. The pilot attributes the accident to momentary hesitation in applying corrective rudder following the crosswind landing.