

## Piper PA-34-220T, G-BMDK

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-34-220T, G-BMDK

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Continental TSIO-360-KB piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1982

**Date & Time (UTC):** 8 September 1998 at 1106 hrs

**Location:** Cardiff Airport, Wales

**Type of Flight:** Private

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to underside of aircraft, engines and propellers

**Commander's Licence:** Commercial Pilot's Licence with Instrument and Instructor Rating

**Commander's Age:** 37 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 857 hours (of which 180 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 107 hours  
Last 28 days - 46 hours

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

During an approach to Runway 30 in a gusting wind, the pilot failed to lower the landing gear. Because of the anticipated turbulence, she was using a higher than normal power setting and the landing gear warning horn did not sound until power was reduced just prior to touchdown.