

Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, G-AYKW

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, G-AYKW
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E2A piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1970
Date & Time (UTC):	24 July 1997 at 1055 hrs
Location:	Old Warden Aerodrome, Bedfordshire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - Minor - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Substantial
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	49 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	394 hours (of which 117 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

When he joined the circuit at Old Warden, the pilot noted that the windsock indicated a crosswind, however, he did an approach and go around and decided that the wind favoured Runway 04. After a further circuit he landed on Runway 04 but was unable to stop the aircraft before it ran off the end and came to rest in a ditch.

The pilot reported that the wind, which he assessed as variable/5kt, had in fact given him a tailwind component for landing. The published runway length is 613 metres.