Cessna 180K Skywagon, G-BETG

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 180K Skywagon, G-BETG	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental O-470-U piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1977	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 October 2003 at 1050 hrs	
Location:	White Waltham Airfield, Berkshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to the left main landing gear, the underside of the fuselage, both door posts and the firewall	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	52 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	317 hours (of which 10 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 11 hours	
	Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was landing on Runway 29 after a flight from Somerset. The pilot reported that on the final approach there was a fairly consistent crosswind from the north-west. After touchdown on the runway centreline the aircraft began an abrupt swing to the right. The pilot applied left rudder but the swing continued and the aircraft came to a stop at right angles to the runway heading. The aircraft suffered damage to the left main landing gear, the fuselage, the left and right door posts and the firewall. The pilot was uninjured.