

## Beech N35, G-ARKJ

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Beech N35, G-ARKJ

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental IO-470-N piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1961

**Date & Time (UTC):** 17 April 2001 at 0835 hrs

**Location:** Earls Colne Airfield, Essex

**Type of Flight:** Private

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Underside of fuselage, flaps and propeller; engine shock-loaded

**Commander's Licence:** Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 54 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 19,766 hours (of which 34 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 125 hours  
Last 28 days - 70 hours

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

After a flight from Shoreham, the pilot made a visual approach to Runway 24; the runway surface was damp grass and the weather was good with a light westerly surface wind. 'Earls Colne Radio' had asked the pilot to land to the left of the centre-line due to the surface conditions. As the aircraft landed, the pilot realised that he had not lowered the gear; the aircraft slid to a stop on the runway. A gear warning was fitted to the aircraft but did not work on this occasion.