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**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-BWNU	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1978	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	3 August 2011 at 1355 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Little Rissington Airfield, Wiltshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to the left wing tip and left wing leading edge	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	75 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	733 hours (of which 534 were on type) Last 90 days - 27 hours Last 28 days - 10 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot landed at Little Rissington Airfield earlier in the day and discovered, when taxiing to the parking area, that there was a significant lip at the junction between a grass and a concrete taxiway. When he taxied out to depart, he was concerned that going down across the lip might cause a propeller strike, so he decided to try and find another route to the runway. He turned along what appeared to be a reasonable taxiway but was, in

fact, an access road to the airfield, with a barbed wire fence on the left. The left wing fairing of the aircraft struck some wire and then a concrete post. The pilot was alerted to the situation by a "ticking" noise but was unable to stop before the wing hit the post. The weather conditions were clear and Runway 23 was in use.