

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-180 Cherokee, G-ASIJ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-360-A3A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1963	
Date & Time (UTC):	31 July 2009 at 1325 hrs	
Location:	Andrewsfield Airfield, Stebbing, Essex	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to left wing tip, lower engine cowling, nosewheel and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	52 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	102 hours (of which 27 were on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot reported that the weather was good but that the wind was variable in direction. She had departed from Runway 09 at Andrewsfield and on her return to the airfield the wind favoured Runway 27. During the landing on Runway 27 (grass) the aircraft bounced and the left wing rose. The left wing then dropped and the left wing tip struck the ground. The nose gear also struck the ground, heavily, before the aircraft came to

rest. The pilot assessed that the accident might have been initiated by a sudden gust of wind. She noted that a line of trees running along the south side of the runway could, in some circumstances, cause a disturbance of the wind. The wind at the airfield was recorded to be from 210° at 8 kt, 35 minutes before the accident, and from 170° at 7 kt, 25 minutes after the accident.