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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior II, G-BNCR

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date & Time (UTC): 21 June 1992 at 1230 hrs

Location: Sandown Airport, Isle of Wight

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller tips bent, engine mounting moved and exhaust dented, and minor scuff marks on right wingtip

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 218 hours (of which 10 were on type)
Last 90 days - 9 hours
Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone inquiries by AAIB

The pilot reports that after a normal landing on runway 05 at Sandown aerodrome, he arranged to leave the runway with a left turn down the parallel grass taxiway. Having completed the after landing checks he commenced taxiing and, when about half way to the parking area, the aircraft suddenly veered to the right and stopped with the nose landing gear in the ditch that is alongside the taxi-way. The pilot made all switches safe and vacated the aircraft without injury.

Subsequent examination revealed no fault within the braking system or steering. However scuff marks on the leading edge of the right wingtip showed that it had contacted the hedgerow that is alongside the ditch prior to the aircraft's swing to the right.