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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA32R—301 G-ROLF (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and time (GMT): 25 November 1985 at 1700 hrs

Location: Coal Aston, Sheffield

Type of flight: Private (business)

Persons on board: Crew — 2 Passengers — 2

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Propeller bent, right main gear collapsed, and both wings and fuel tanks ruptured

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 27 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 967 hours (of which 530 were on type)

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

Arriving at Coal Aston, the pilot overflew the length of runway 29 prior to carrying out a normal circuit and landing. There were no obstructions apparent. However, during the subsequent landing roll several cows ran across the runway and, despite engine shutdown and maximum braking, the aircraft collided with two of them.

The aircraft came to rest some 20 feet after the collision and, although fuel was leaking from both wing tanks, there was no fire. The pilot and the front right seat passenger were wearing diagonal upper torso restraint harnesses and the passengers, facing aft, lap straps. No one sustained injury and evacuation was effected via the forward and aft main exits.

The owner of the airfield subsequently stated that cows usually grazed on the field but that all pilots who request permission to land are fully briefed about their presence. The information about this airfield in "Pooley's Guide" clearly states that it is useable with prior permission only, at the pilot's own risk.