ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior III, G-EHAZ

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

Year of Manufacture: 2002 (Serial no: 2842168)

Date & Time (UTC): 1 April 2016 at 1400 hrs

Location: Breighton Aerodrome, North Yorkshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Aircraft severely damaged

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 3,639 hours (of which 2,500 were on type)

Last 90 days - 305 hours Last 28 days - 67 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

The pilot reported that following the takeoff from the grass runway, he intended to conduct a touch-and-go before flying to his home airfield at Kemble. The circuit was flown as normal and after touchdown full power was applied. The aircraft did not seem to accelerate, so the pilot closed the throttle and aborted the takeoff; however he was unable to stop and overan the end of the runway. The aircraft was severely damaged when it subsequently collided with a hedge. The pilot believes that the lack of acceleration might have been due to a possible combination of the soft grass surface and carburettor icing.

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