

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper J3C-65 Cub, G-BDHK	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp A65-8F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1946 (Serial no: 261)	
Date & Time (UTC):	14 August 2016 at 1800 hrs	
Location:	Eastbach Airfield, near Coleford, Gloucestershire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Undercarriage collapsed and propeller damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	53 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	288 hours (of which 106 were on type) Last 90 days - 6 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and additional enquiries made by the AAIB	

After a local flight, the pilot returned to Eastbach Airfield, with which he was familiar as the aircraft was based there. He joined overhead for a left-hand circuit to land on Runway 06, a 340 m grass runway with an upslope and, as noted on airfield documentation, a bump inset some 100 m from the threshold. He observed that the windsock indicated no significant wind and configured the aircraft for a normal landing. On final approach, he realised that he was low and added power, aiming to touch down just after the numbers. However, upon touchdown the undercarriage immediately collapsed. He was able to vacate the aircraft without assistance and sustained no injury.

In an open and honest discussion with the AAIB, the pilot considered that his positive landing may have contributed to the accident.