

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-28-181 Cherokee Archer II, G-BPAY	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-360-A4M piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1980 (Serial no: 28-8090191)	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	29 December 2016 at 1450 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	White Waltham Airfield, Berkshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to the wingtip fairing, leading edge of the left wing and to the propeller spinner of a parked aircraft	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	28 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	68 hours (of which 63 were on type) Last 90 days - 1 hour Last 28 days - 1 hour	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After landing and while taxiing between two rows of parked aircraft, the aircraft's left wingtip struck the propeller spinner of another, unoccupied PA-28. The pilot believed glare from the low sun contributed towards his misjudgement of the clearance between his wingtip and the other aircraft. He also noted that, although the lines of aircraft were far enough apart for his aircraft to pass, they were closer together than was usual at this airfield.

The airfield operator reported that the distance between the rows of aircraft was varied, when the ground was soft, to prevent some surface areas becoming more worn than others.

**Safety action**

Since the accident the airfield operator has changed its procedures to reduce the need for parallel rows of parked aircraft and therefore lessen the risk of ground collisions.