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Aircraft Type and Registration: Aeronca 7AC Champion, G-BRXG

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental A65-8 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1946

Date & Time (UTC): 10 May 1994 at 1210 hrs

Location: Nayland Airfield, Suffolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1 Passenger

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Propeller tip and right wing leading edge and right main

landing gear damaged

Commander's Licence: Basic Commercial Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,776 hours (of which 13 were on type)

Last 90 days - 1 hour Last 28 days - 0 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The grass runway at Nayland Airfield is aligned north-south with a significant down slope in the southerly direction commencing approximately half way along its length. Landings are therefore generally made in a northerly direction to use the benefit of the slope.

The pilot reports that after landing the aircraft reached the top of the slope and he was taxiing on the flat ground towards the parking area. Whilst attempting to turn to the left a gusting wind appeared to carry the aircraft past the parking area and into an open sided farm building with wooden pallets stacked alongside.

The pilot attributes the cause of the accident as taxiing too fast in the prevailing wind conditions.