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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-18-150 Super Cub, G-BSWE

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-A2B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1970

Date & Time (UTC): 25 September 1992 at 1705 hrs

Location: Farthing Corner Airfield, Kent

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - Minor Passengers - Minor

Nature of Damage: Aircraft damaged beyond economical repair

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence with Instructor rating

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 4,860 hours (of which 350 were on type)
Last 90 days - 211 hours
Last 28 days - 49 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

While preparing to land on a grass runway with a light and variable surface wind, the pilot observed that the windsock was hanging to the south of its pole and therefore elected to land in the 06 direction. On short finals, the aircraft sank rapidly and impacted the ground on a marked up-slope short of the runway and some 40 feet below it. During recovery of the aircraft with the wind still light and variable, the pilot observed that the wind at the 06 threshold was 180° different to that indicated by the windsock.