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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-140, G-BGTS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1973	
Date and Time (UTC):	17 June 1989 at 1300 hrs	
Location:	Liverpool Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Substantial - left gear leg detached, and damage to left wingtip and tailplane	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence with IMC, Night and Assistant Instructor Ratings	
Commander's Age:	48 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	715 hours (of which 315 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was being taxied along the Western Taxiway (disused 17/35 runway) by the instructor northwards towards the Western Apron. He was talking to the student when the aircraft weathercocked to the left. The instructor tried to correct the situation but the left main landing gear contacted a large clump of grass and the left main landing gear leg became detached.

During the attempted recovery the throttle was inadvertently opened and the detached gear leg struck the left tailplane. The aircraft was shut down and was evacuated normally by the uninjured occupants. The estimated wind velocity at the time of the accident was 290°/10 kt.