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Aircraft Type and Registration: Luscombe 8E, G-BSOX

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental C-85-12F piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1946

Date & Time (UTC): 21 September 1991 at 1530 hrs

Location: Maypole airfield, near Herne Bay, Kent

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Aircraft damaged beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 55 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 261 hours (of which 80 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

At the time of the accident the weather was fine with good visibility and calm conditions. The pilot elected to land on grass runway 02 at Maypole airfield as the gradient is slightly uphill with a good over-run area available. After touchdown, which the pilot reported was further into the runway than ideal and, during normal braking, the aircraft swung to the left out of control. The pilot decided to attempt a go-around but the landing gear became enmeshed with piles of cut straw laid in rows 2 feet high running parallel to the landing area. Retardation was such that the aircraft failed to regain flying speed and collided with a windsock support pole before crossing a sunken footpath and coming to rest on an embankment. The pilot and passenger, who were both wearing a full harness, vacated the aircraft without injury.