

No: 2/84

Ref: EW/G83/12/05

Aircraft type and registration:	Britten-Norman Islander BN2A-26 G-BDVW (light twin engined, fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of manufacture:	1976	
Date and time (GMT):	20 December 1983 at 1229 hrs	
Location:	Foula, Shetland Islands	
Type of flight:	Public transport	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — 6
Injuries:	Crew — Nil	Passengers — Nil
Nature of damage:	Distortion damage to right mainplane	
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	40 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	3339 hours (of which 210 were on type)	

When the aircraft was on a short final approach to Runway 36 at the Foula airstrip, a high rate of descent developed which the commander was unable to correct. The aircraft landed heavily on the right landing gear just beyond the runway threshold. The wind at the time was noted as 100° at 15–20 knots. It is possible that turbulence or down draughts might have resulted with a wind from this direction blowing over the cliffs to the east of the airstrip. The operator has added a cautionary note to this effect to the Foula Aerodrome Chart.