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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna F152, G-BMFZ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-N2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1985

Date & Time (UTC): 23 September 1992 at 1805 hrs

Location: Bodmin Airfield, Cornwall

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to nose landing gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night ratings

Commander's Age: 48 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 270 hours (of which 45 were on type)
Last 90 days - 8 hours
Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was carrying out an approach on the grass runway 21 at Bodmin Airfield. The weather at the time was surface wind 180°/10 kt, visibility 4 km in rain showers with cloud at 1,200 feet and the main cloud base at 2,000 feet. The pilot had flown a low level 'bad weather circuit' and made the approach using 30° of flap.

The pilot reported that, as he crossed the hedge, he had difficulty in judging the height of the flare. He held the aircraft clear of the runway and the stall warning activated as the airspeed decayed. The aircraft eventually made a firm landing, bounced and then landed heavily causing the nose wheel to collapse. Both occupants, who were wearing lap and diagonal harnesses, vacated the aircraft without injury.