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Aircraft type and registration: Cessna 152 G-BGLI

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date and time (UTC): 30 June 1986 at 1515 hrs

Location: Rush Green Airfield, Nr Luton, Beds

Type of flight: Positioning for maintenance

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Aircraft written off

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 25 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 581 hours (of which 500 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

Following a normal start-up and departure the aircraft was flown from Luton Airport to the airfield at Rush Green, for the purpose of a routine annual maintenance inspection, a trip carried out by the pilot on numerous previous occasions.

There is no air traffic control at Rush Green, but during the approach, the pilot noticed the windsock to be indicating calm conditions and so elected to land on the northerly runway. After a satisfactory 30° flap approach, the aircraft touched down normally and was reported by the pilot to be aligned with the runway.

However, the aircraft became airborne again and, on the second touchdown, the propeller struck the ground and the aircraft nosed over onto its back. The pilot, who was wearing a full harness, was unhurt. After turning off the master switch and fuel he made his escape from the aircraft.