

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Cessna 172S Skyhawk, G-UFCE
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming IO-360-L2A piston engine
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2003
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	26 October 2008 at 1430 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	Newtownards, Northern Ireland
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Training
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1                      Passengers - 2
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None                      Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Propeller strike, damage to the engine firewall and forward fuselage
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Commercial Pilot's Licence
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	61 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	2,000 hours (of which 213 were on type) Last 90 days - 46 hours Last 28 days - 18 hours
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

**Synopsis**

Immediately after landing in gusty conditions, the aircraft became airborne again. The second touchdown resulted in a heavy landing, causing the nose landing gear tyre to burst and the propeller to strike the

ground. The pilot and passengers were uninjured. On examination damage was also observed to the lower forward fuselage and the engine firewall.