

Jodel D120A. G-BKPX

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Jodel D120A. G-BKPX
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental C90-14F piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1963
Date & Time (UTC):	17 October 1996 at 1550 hrs
Location:	Skipwith, Nr Selby
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - Minor - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Substantial to left wing main spar, landing gear, propeller, engine cowling and rear fuselage
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	58 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	133 hours (of which 66 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot flew a normal circuit to land, down sun, on the 1,200foot grass landing strip. The wind sock indicated calm conditions and the grass was wet with dew. After a normal touchdown the brakes were applied but they had little effect. Realising that the aircraft would overrun the strip the pilot attempted to go-around but the aircraft was not able to clear a four foot hedge at the airfield boundary. The aircraft came to rest in an adjacent field. The passenger was uninjured but the pilot, whose safety harness failed at its upper fixing, suffered minor injuries.

The pilot reported that there may have been a slight tailwind during the landing although none was indicated by the wind sock and the wheels locked on braking due to the wet conditions. Furthermore he reported that after making the decision to go-around and applying power he failed to close the air brakes and put the carburettor heat to cold.