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Aircraft Type and Registration: Pierre Robin DR400/100 Cadet, G-BSVS

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1990

Date & Time (UTC): 19 June 1994 at 1250 hrs

Location: Henstridge Airfield, Somerset

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose landing gear and propeller tip

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with Instrument, IMC and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 73 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 7,500 hours (of which 120 were on type)
Last 90 days - 8 hours
Last 28 days - 3 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft flew from Bournemouth Airport to Henstridge Airfield; the approach was to Runway 25 with a surface wind of 260°/10 kt. The pilot's wife occupied the right seat, which was in the fully forward position; it was her normal practice to wear trousers when flying, however, on this occasion she wore a long skirt. In the landing flare, the skirt restricted the rearward movement of the control column and the aircraft landed nose first. It was taxied normally to the parking area where, after shutdown, an inspection revealed damage to the nose landing gear and the propeller tip.