

Cessna 182Q, G-BHVP, 18 October 1997

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 182Q, G-BHVP
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental O-470-U piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1979
Date & Time (UTC):	18 October 1997 at 1440 hrs
Location:	Fenland Airfield, Lincolnshire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 2
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - 1 Minor
Nature of Damage:	Significant airframe and engine damage.
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence with IMC Rating
Commander's Age:	42 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	219 hours (of which 10 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was flying a visual approach to Runway 18 at Fenland Airfield; this runway has an available landing distance of 536 metres with a grass surface which was dry. The surface wind was 180 / 10 kt and there was no significant cloud or weather. The approach was flown above the optimum glidepath and the aircraft did not touch down until about one third of the way along the runway. The pilot then attempted to go around but the aircraft ran off the runway surface and entered an adjacent field. The recently cultivated soil in the field was soft and caused a rapid deceleration; the nose wheel became detached and the aircraft came to rest inverted. The local airfield fire appliance was soon on the scene and the other emergency services also attended; fuel had leaked from the aircraft. The pilot and one of the passengers were uninjured, the other passenger suffered minor injuries.