

Cessna 182P, G-BTHA

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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 182P, G-BTHA
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental O-470-R25 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1979
Date & Time (UTC):	12 January 2001 at 1735 hrs
Location:	Liverpool Airport
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Propeller damage and possible engine shock load
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	66 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	266 hours (of which 105 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot had been carrying out some night circuits using Runway 09 at Liverpool Airport. On completion of the detail the aircraft vacated the runway on the rapid exit turnoff and taxied ahead to the General Aviation apron. The pilot initially missed the turning to the apron and so he turned around on the parallel taxiway and went back towards the apron. Then, while taxiing on the link from the taxiway to the apron, he became dazzled by overhead ramp lighting and had difficulty seeing his way. The aircraft left the paved surface and the nosewheel dropped into a hole causing the propeller to strike the ground. The pilot shut down the aircraft to prevent further damage.