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Aircraft: Robin 1180T G-BGHM (Light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and time (GMT): 27 February 1983 at 1600 hrs

Location: Shotteswell, near Banbury

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage: Nosewheel collapsed; engine mountings, cowlings and leading edge of starboard wing damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's total flying experience: 285 hours (of which 3 hours were on type)

10 minutes after leaving Shotteswell for Southend, the pilot encountered an area of heavy rain and poor visibility. He returned to land at Shotteswell, where weather conditions were good except for a moderate crosswind on the grass runway, which was wet from recent rain. After touchdown the pilot found the groundspeed slow to decay. Application of brakes did not arrest the aircraft, which overran the runway and was stopped by the airfield boundary hedge. On leaving the aircraft, the pilot noticed that the wind had veered temporarily to give a tailwind component in the landing direction.