

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Reims Cessna F172N Skyhawk, G-BHMI	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-320-H2AD piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1980	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	26 July 2011 at 1512 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Caernarfon Airport, Gwynedd	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to nosewheel and propeller	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	76 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	350 hours (of which 150 were on type) Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and further enquiries by the AAIB	

The pilot had flown from Woodvale to Caernarfon, where the runway in use was Runway 26. The flight had been normal but the pilot reports that on his first approach at Caernarfon the touchdown was heavy and the aircraft bounced, so he performed a go-around. The second landing was much more satisfactory but

the nose leg collapsed, probably from damage incurred in the first touchdown. The pilot considers that a contributory factor in the heavy first touchdown may have been a reversal of wind direction during the final approach.