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Aircraft Type and Registration: Kittiwake I, G-ATXN

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-290-G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1967

Date & Time (UTC): 14 September 1991 at 1215 hrs

Location: Halesland airfield, near Cheddar, Somerset

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial damage to nose landing gear, wing tip, propeller and engine

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night ratings

Commander's Age: 68 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 154 hours (one of which was on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was making an approach to land on runway 13 at the airstrip at Halesland. There was no significant weather at the time, the visibility was good with a surface wind of 190°/10 kts. The aircraft crossed the threshold at approximately 120 ft with a speed of 65 kts. On touchdown the aircraft bounced three times before landing in a nose down attitude. The nose landing gear collapsed allowing the propeller to strike the ground. The aircraft slid 45° to the right before coming to rest on its main wheels and nose. The pilot, who was wearing a full harness, vacated the aircraft in the normal way without injury. The pilot reported that the probable cause of the accident was due to an approach being made at a slightly faster than normal speed with insufficient flap selected.