

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Robin HR200/120B, G-BYSG	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1999	
Date & Time (UTC):	9 February 2010 at 1205 hrs	
Location:	Sibson Airfield, Cambridgeshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nose gear leg collapsed and damage to propeller	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	79 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	227 hours (of which 129 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was making an approach to Runway 33 at Sibson Airfield in turbulent wind conditions. The wind was from 360° at 12 kt. The aircraft encountered sink late in the approach and the pilot did not apply the throttle quickly enough to counter it, with the result that the nose gear struck an airfield boundary fence. The fence was approximately 40 m from the white markings that denote

the threshold for Runway 33. The aircraft touched down on the grass runway and the nose gear collapsed. The pilot, who was uninjured, believed that the aircraft had lost height due to windshear. A flying instructor at the airfield recalled that there was a shower in the area at the time of the accident, which may have contributed to the difficult wind conditions.