

Reims Cessna F152, G-BFSB

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Reims Cessna F152, G-BFSB	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1977	
Date & Time (UTC):	28 October 2001 at 1800 hrs	
Location:	Tatenhill Airfield, Burton-On-Trent	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damaged beyond economic repair	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilots Licence	
Commander's Age:	75 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	383 hours (of which 97 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 took off at dusk to carry out a check of the airfield lights prior to a night revalidation sortie. On approach to Runway 26 the aircraft descended below the normal approach path and although the pilot applied power to correct, the aircraft touched down short of the runway paved surface approximately 70 metres from the runway touchdown markers. The right wheel struck a low earth ledge and detached from the undercarriage leg. The aircraft continued down the runway on the remaining wheels before veering to the right and coming to rest just off the main runway surface. The pilot vacated the aircraft uninjured.

