

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Siai Marchetti S.205 20/R, G-BFAP	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-360-A1A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1969 (Serial no: 4-213)	
Date & Time (UTC):	6 August 2018 at 1450 hrs	
Location:	Leicester Airport	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Propeller damaged, engine shock-loaded and lower fuselage skin damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Other	
Commander's Age:	86 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,627 hours (of which 813 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot reported that, in preparation for landing at Leicester, the pre-landing checklist was completed on the downwind leg of the circuit; this includes extending the landing gear. Prior to touchdown, the pilot reduced the engine power to idle and rotated the aircraft into the flare to land. The aircraft settled onto the runway with the landing gear retracted and skidded along the paved surface before coming to a halt. The pilot commented that the landing gear warning horn, which should be triggered if the landing gear is UP and landing flap is selected with the engine at idle power, did not operate at any point during the flare. The reason for the horn failing to operate was not identified.