

Reims Cessna F152, G-BFFE

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Reims Cessna F152, G-BFFE
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1977
Date & Time (UTC):	13 March 1997 at 1413 hrs
Location:	Skegness Water Sports Centre, Lincolnshire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - Minor - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nose landing gear, both wings, engine mount, propeller and windscreen
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	53 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	464 hours (of which 130 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was attempting to land on the grass Runway 22 at the private landing site at Skegness Water Sports Centre after a flight from Netherthorpe Airfield. The pilot mis-identified the runway threshold and touched down in an area of arable crop. Towards the end of the landing roll, the nose landing gear sank into soft ground and the aircraft turned over onto its back. There was no fire and both occupants were able to vacate the aircraft through the doors without assistance.

The pilot later noted that two traffic cones were in use to mark the position of the runway threshold, some 50 feet further forward from where the aircraft came to rest.