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Aircraft Type and Registration: Luscombe 8E Silvaire, G-BRHX

Year of Manufacture: 1947

**Date & Time (UTC):** 22 August 1993 at 1630 hrs

Location: Caffyns Down, Lynton, Devon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: AM - 215 gno 221 Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Main landing gear collapsed, propeller tips bent

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC Rating

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 757 hours (of which 11 were on type)

Last 90 days - 29 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reports that he flew a flat approach to land on the uphill northerly strip at Caffyns Down. As the aircraft crossed the threshold hedge it experienced excessive sink which an increase in engine power was unable to contain. During the subsequent heavy landing the main landing gear collapsed. The weather conditions at the time were fine with a surface wind reported as 020°/02 kt.