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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 152, G-BNJV

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and Time (UTC): 19 June 1988 at 1220 hrs

Location: Headcorn Airfield, Kent

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to nose landing gear and surrounding structure

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 31 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 44 hours (of which all were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Having completed a satisfactory dual check, the student pilot was sent to carry out three solo circuits. On the first approach, using 20° flap, the pilot realised that she was too high and selected 30° flap. This increased the rate of descent and the subsequent flare with the throttle closed was high. Following a bounce, the aircraft settled onto the runway with the nose landing gear collapsed.