

## Piper PA-28-160, G-BSER

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-28-160, G-BSER

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 De Havilland O-320-D2A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1963

**Date & Time (UTC):** 1 May 1999 at 1630 hrs

**Location:** Full Sutton Airfield, York

**Type of Flight:** Private (Training)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Nose gear leg, propeller and engine mounting

**Commander's Licence:** Student Pilot

**Commander's Age:** 54 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 12 hours (of which 0 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 0 hours  
Last 28 days - 0 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was carrying out his third solo landing, which was his second of the day. The wind conditions were light from the north-east and the visibility was good. He made an approach to Runway 04 but touched down just short of the runway in soft ground and the nose gear sustained damage. As a result the aircraft on reaching the runway surface tracked to the left and went off the side into cultivated ground. The pilot assessed the cause as a misjudgement of the approach leading to an undershoot of the runway.