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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Slingsby T67M200 Firefly, G-BLUX

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming AEIO-360-A1E piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1985

**Date & Time (UTC):** 12 March 1995 at 1820 hrs

**Location:** Lashenden (Headcorn) Aerodrome, Kent

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to nose landing gear, propeller and engine bay

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 49 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 880 hours (of which 3 were on type)  
Last 90 days - Not known  
Last 28 days - 18 hours

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

The aircraft was returning to land at Headcorn Aerodrome after a local flight. The threshold of Runway 11 was rutted, so the pilot decided to land long. The resulting touchdown was normal. As the aircraft slowed and was about to turn off the runway, the nosewheel dropped into a rut and sheared off.

Neither the pilot nor the aerodrome operator reported the accident to AAIB, and details only emerged after notification by the aircraft's insurers. The pilot could not be contacted regarding the accident.