

Cessna 152, G-BGAA, 18 February 2002

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 152, G-BGAA	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1978	
Date & Time (UTC):	18 February 2002 at 1140 hrs	
Location:	Henlow, Bedfordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nose landing gear collapsed	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilots Licence	
Commander's Age:	25 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	52 hours (all on type)	
	Last 90 days - 2 hours	
	Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was landing on grass Runway 31 at Henlow; the surface wind was 310°/10 kt. The pilot reported that she had allowed the aircraft to "land in a flat attitude" which caused it to bounce. She pushed the control column forward, the aircraft bounced again and then touched down nosewheel first. The nose landing gear collapsed and the aircraft came to rest. The pilot was wearing lap and diagonal upper torso restraint and escaped without injury.

With the benefit of hindsight the pilot realised that she should have gone around from this approach.