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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna 152, G-BOTG  
**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine  
**Year of Manufacture:** 1978  
**Date & Time (UTC):** 21 April 1992 at 1259 hrs  
**Location:** Sywell Airfield, Northamptonshire  
**Type of Flight:** Private  
**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None  
**Injuries:** Crew - Minor                      Passengers - N/A  
**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to propeller, cowlings and left wing  
**Commander's Licence:** Student Pilot  
**Commander's Age:** 29 years  
**Commander's Flying Experience:** 53 hours (all on type)  
Last 90 days - 12 hours  
Last 28 days - 5 hours  
**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot had departed from East Midlands Airport on a qualifying cross country flight for the award of a Private Pilot's Licence. The runway in use at Sywell was 25, which has a grass surface, and the wind was 290°/10-15 kt. Following a steeper than usual approach, the aircraft landed and then bounced several times during which the nose landing gear collapsed. The pilot received minor injuries but was able to evacuate the aircraft unaided. The pilot's instructor attributes the cause of the accident to the fact that most of the pilot's previous landings had been on hard runways and she was unused to landing on a grass surface.