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Aircraft type and registration: Slingsby T67A G-BJXA (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1982

Date and time (GMT): 24 February 1986 at 1400 hrs

Location: Manchester (Barton) Airfield

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Failure of nose undercarriage and consequent propeller damage

Commander's Licence: Student pilot

Commander's Age: 31 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 63.40 hours (all of which were on type)

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

The student pilot flew a solo cross country from Halfpenny Green to Manchester (Barton) aerodrome. Following a satisfactory landing on runway 09 he cleared to the North and stopped. The runway and manoeuvring area, both grassed, were dry but frozen. Shortly after starting to taxi, the nosewheel dropped into a hole/rut and the nose undercarriage collapsed with consequent irreparable damage to the propeller.