

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Cessna 152, G-GFIA
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1978
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	10 April 2009 at 0922 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	Manchester (Barton) Airport
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1                      Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None                      Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Nose landing gear, firewall, propeller, left wingtip
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	71 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	303 hours (of which 32 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

**Synopsis**

Following an uneventful local flight the aircraft touched down heavily on the grass Runway 09L. A large bounce ensued and the pilot was unable to take remedial action before the aircraft landed, the nose landing gear collapsed and the aircraft came to a stop on its nose. Neither

occupant was injured. The pilot assessed the cause of the accident as insufficient flare during the landing, allowing the nosewheel to impact the runway before the main landing gear.