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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Reims Cessna F152, G-BGSX

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1979

**Date and Time (UTC):** 3 September 1989 at 1304 hrs

**Location:** Coventry Airport, Baginton

**Type of Flight:** Training

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Nose landing gear collapsed, damage to left wing and engine cowling

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

**Commander's Age:** 49 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 93 hours (of which all were on type)

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

On the first circuit of a continuation training flight, the pilot was baulked on early finals by a helicopter operating near to the runway. In manoeuvring to allow the helicopter time to clear from the runway, the aircraft was high on short finals and consequently landed  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down the runway. The pilot stated that she lost control and landed heavily on the nose wheel.

The wind was virtually calm and the pilot ascribes the accident to her lack of experience of landing in calm conditions and to being distracted by the helicopter.