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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Socata TB9, G-GMSI

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-D2A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1980

**Date and Time (UTC):** 16 July 1988 at 1010 hrs

**Location:** Headcorn (Lashenden) Airfield, Kent

**Type of Flight:** Private (pleasure)

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial - nose landing gear collapsed, bent propeller, and cowling

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

**Commander's Age:** 61 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 290 hours (of which 3 were on type)

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

The aircraft was on a flight from Shoreham to Headcorn, and joined the Headcorn circuit for a visual approach to runway 29. The wind was 280° M at 10kt.

The pilot reports that he flared high and applied power too late to prevent the aircraft from bouncing twice. The nose landing gear collapsed and the aircraft came to rest 30 yards further on.

The pilot was uninjured, and after switching off the fuel and ignition, vacated the aircraft.