

**AAIB Bulletin No:** 8/93

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-34-200T Seneca II, G-BEVG

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Continental TSIO-360-E piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1975

**Date & Time (UTC):** 16 May 1993 at 1640 hrs

**Location:** Bournemouth International Airport, Dorset

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - 3

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Nose landing gear and front bulkhead damaged, windscreen shattered and right propeller bent due to ground contact

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

**Commander's Age:** 55 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 278 hours (of which 2 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 13 hours  
Last 28 days - 9 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone inquiries by the AAIB

The aircraft was on a private flight from Guernsey to Bournemouth. The pilot reports that on the downwind and base legs to Runway 17 he encountered moderate turbulence however, the final approach appeared to be normal. As he was aware of the possibility of further turbulence, he maintained his airspeed over the threshold at 80 kt. The aircraft touched down on the main wheels but thereafter the pilot was unable to prevent a very hard contact by the nose landing gear. The aircraft was taxied to the parking area where the pilot and passengers disembarked normally and the damage to the aircraft was noted. The weather at the time was fine with a surface wind of 180°/18 kt.