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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 152, G-BRUA
No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine
Year of Manufacture: 1978
Date & Time (UTC): 24 March 1993 at 1156 hrs
Location: Sandown Airfield, Isle of Wight
Type of Flight: Private (training)
Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear leg and supporting structure bent
Commander's Licence: Student pilot
Commander's Age: 45 years
Commander's Flying Experience: 70 hours (all on type)
Last 90 days - 19 hours
Last 28 days - 14 hours
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During a normal powered approach, in a light and variable wind, the aircraft was a little too high and whilst attempting to reduce the height, the student landed the aircraft nose wheel first. Although the nose landing gear was bent, the propeller did not strike the ground.

The Airfield Fire Service immediately attended the scene, but their services were not required. The student shut down the engine and exited from the aircraft in the normal manner.