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**Aircraft type and registration:** Cessna 152 G-BFRB (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of manufacture:** 1978

**Date and time (GMT):** 7 August 1983 at 1550 hrs

**Location:** Headcorn Airfield

**Type of flight:** Private

**Persons on board:** Crew – 1                      Passengers – 1

**Injuries:** Crew – Nil                      Passengers – Nil

**Nature of damage:** Damage to engine cowl, propeller and wing leading edge

**Commander's Licence:** PPL (Holland)

**Commander's Age:** 26 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** Approximately 135 hours (of which 72 hours were on type)

While landing on grass Runway 11 at Headcorn Airfield the aircraft swerved to the right as the nose wheel touched down. The swing could not be controlled and the aircraft came to rest on its nose and left wing tip.

The nose gear steering tube was found to have broken, with failure characteristics reportedly consistent with having resulted from overload. The tube had been inspected 29:40 hr prior to the accident.