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Aircraft type and registration:	Avions Robin DR400/140 G--BBCS (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)
Year of manufacture:	1973
Date and time (GMT):	4 August 1983 at 1553 hrs
Location:	Southend Airport
Type of flight:	Private (Group)
Persons on board:	Crew - 1                      Passengers - 2
Injuries:	Crew - none                      Passengers - none
Nature of damage:	Substantial - damage to nose wheel strut, propeller, and right wing fabric. A VASI was also destroyed
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age	39 years
Commander's total flying experience:	240 hours (of which 60 were on type)

After a flight from Ostend, the aircraft landed on runway 24 at Southend Airport. The weather was good, with a reported wind of 300°/15 kt and temperature +22°C. After touching down, the aircraft swung to the right and left the paved surface. During this excursion across the grass, the nose wheel assembly struck a VASI and collapsed rearwards. The occupants were uninjured, and evacuated the aircraft safely.