

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	DH60G Gipsy Moth, G-ATBL	
No & Type of Engines:	1 de Havilland Gipsy 1 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1933	
Date & Time (UTC):	9 September 2010 at 1400 hrs	
Location:	Black Acre Farm Strip, near Holt, Wiltshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Left lower spar cracked, tears to fabric of both wings, propeller dented, engine cowling bent	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	46 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	3,800 hours (of which 2 were on type) Last 90 days - 32 hours Last 28 days - 10 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot commenced his takeoff run at near the maximum all-up weight on Runway 18 of the 480 m long private grass strip which slopes down to the south. The reported surface wind was 240° to 250° at 10 kt, gusting to 15 kt. Just after getting airborne within a third of the available length, he encountered some turbulence and sink, and felt that the aircraft was not climbing as well as it should. He decided

to abort, closed the throttle and landed back on the runway. However, he was unable to stop the aircraft before it rolled into a hedge off of the end of the strip, causing some damage to the aircraft. The pilot, who was wearing a full harness and helmet, and the passenger, who was wearing a lap strap and helmet, were unhurt.