

Vans RV-6, G-BZUY

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Vans RV-6, G-BZUY	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-D1A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2001	
Date & Time (UTC):	28 June 2003 at 1145 hrs	
Location:	Franklyn's Field, near Wells, Somerset	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - 1 (Minor)
Nature of Damage:	Substantial damage to fuselage, canopy, engine and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	64 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	376 hours (of which 60 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 25 hours	
	Last 28 days - 20 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had planned a local flight in CAVOK conditions with a light and variable surface wind. Runway 23, approximately 15 metres wide and edged with cereal crop approximately 60 cm tall, was the runway in use and its grass surface was dry and bumpy. The pilot reported that during the take-off run the aircraft hit a series of bumps, became airborne at a low speed and drifted to the left. The left wing tip ran into the cereal crop, the aircraft yawed to the left and came to rest inverted. The pilot believes that the windscreen rollover bar prevented further injuries.