

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Vans RV-7A, G-IIRV	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming YIO-360-M1B piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2012 (Serial no: LAA 323-15074)	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	31 May 2014 at 1454 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Goodwood Aerodome (Chichester), West Sussex	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Nose landing gear and propeller damaged	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Light Aircraft Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	72 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	750 hours (of which 43 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot reported that he made a normal landing on both mainwheels but, towards the end of the ground roll, the nose leg collapsed and the aircraft skidded to a halt. The pilot described the condition of the grass runway as 'soft' and believes that it is possible that the nosewheel struck a divot.

The Airfield Manager informed the AAIB that aerodrome staff carry out a detailed assessment of the grass runways every day and, if the surface is considered to be in a poor condition, will either close that area of the airfield or not permit it to be used for touch-and-go landings. On the day of the accident the condition of Runway 32, on which the pilot landed, was assessed as:

*'Surface firm to soft with a few puddles. Land left or right of centreline 14/32 due surface condition.'*

Touch-and-go landings were permitted.