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Aircraft type and registration:	Wittman Tailwind W8 G-BDBD (Light single-engine fixed wing aircraft)
Year of manufacture:	1963
Date and time (GMT):	7 July 1983 at 1730 hrs
Location:	Netherthorpe Aerodrome, Near Worksop
Type of flight:	Private
Persons on board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - Nil
Injuries:	Crew - Nil Passengers - N/A
Nature of damage:	Port undercarriage leg bent, possible further damage
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age	29 years
Commander's total flying experience:	485 hours (no experience on-type apart from 30 minutes right-hand seat familiarisation)

The aircraft was taking-off from runway 06 at Netherthorpe. The pilot reports that this runway has a significant hard-rock bump 100-150 metres from the threshold and that when he hit this, the aircraft became prematurely airborne. Upon touching-down again the aircraft bounced and the take-off was abandoned. The pilot then had to ground-loop the aircraft to the right to avoid running through the boundary wall/hedge at the end of the runway. Runway 06 has a length of 450 metres and a downhill slope of 1.9%.