ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Quik GT450, G-CDVZ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2006

Date & Time (UTC): 10 June 2008 at 2040 hrs

Location: Mount Airey, Huddersfield

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - 1 (Minor) Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to wing, trike unit and nose landing gear

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 300 hours (of which 97 were on type)

Last 90 days - 23 hours Last 28 days - 17 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Synopsis

The intention of the flight was to fly from Carlisle to Mount Airey, near Huddersfield, to rendezvous with two other Quik microlight aircraft. Arriving overhead the airfield, following a flight of approximately 1 hr 20 mins, the pilot observed the windsock indicating a wind direction of between 250° and 330°. He also observed the other two aircraft already on the ground. He decided to carry out an approach to Runway 25 and, as the aircraft began to descend on base leg, some turbulence was encountered and he noticed that the ground speed had reduced dramatically. Just before touchdown the aircraft rolled to the left. The pilot regained control but,

after touching down, the aircraft ballooned back into the air. The second touchdown was on the nose landing gear, which sustained damage, and the aircraft became airborne again. On the third touchdown the trike unit veered to the right, the left wing dug into the ground and the aircraft came to rest. The pilot sustained a minor injury although the passenger was uninjured. The other Quik pilots who had already landed considered that the wind conditions had been very difficult. The pilot also considered that his judgement and ability could have become impaired as he had felt very cold during the latter stages of the flight.

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