

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	X' Air Falcon, G-CCVJ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Verner 133M piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2004	
Date & Time (UTC):	27 September 2009 at 1356 hrs	
Location:	Newtownards Aerodrome, County Down, Northern Ireland	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Left main wheel axle fractured	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	48 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	68 hours (of which 1 was on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The approach to Runway 26 appeared normal, until the flare, after which the aircraft landed heavily. This resulted in a fracture of the axle supporting the left mainwheel, causing the aircraft to turn to the left before coming to rest on the grass to the left of the runway.

The pilot states that, in his opinion, the aircraft suffered sink on the approach, possibly due to wind effects from nearby Scrabo Hill, and that this led to the rapid descent of the aircraft at the commencement of the flare. The wind at the time was from 250° at 17 kt.