

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pioneer 300, G-EWES	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2004	
Date & Time (UTC):	31 May 2011 at 1230 hrs	
Location:	Charlton Myers Farm Strip, Northumberland	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Left landing gear	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	78 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	809 hours (of which 366 were on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot selected the landing gear up after takeoff and then noticed that the circuit breaker for the gear had tripped, preventing the gear from retracting. He attempted to raise the gear using the hand operated system, but was unable to obtain a green light for the main gear. He returned to Charlton Mires and during the subsequent landing the aircraft veered to the left as it slowed down. The pilot exited the aircraft and was uninjured.

The damage caused to the main gear during the landing made it difficult to determine why it had failed to retract fully. However, the tripping of the circuit breaker may have been indicative of a mechanical failure or jamming of the gear mechanism.