

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa XS, G-PHXS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2002	
Date & Time (UTC):	4 July 2009 at 0830 hrs	
Location:	Weldon Farm strip, near Corby, Northamptonshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Tail broken off forward of tail fin, damage to nosewheel and main landing gear legs	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	62 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	118 hours (of which 14 were on type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was landing at Weldon Farm on a grass strip 480 metres long by 15 metres wide, cut into a crop. The pilot later recalled that it appeared to him that he was too close to the crop and he attempted a correction. The next thing he remembered was the aircraft stationary on the ground at the edge of the

runway, having turned through about 50° to the right. The rear fuselage had broken just forward of the tail but the pilot was uninjured. He is unsure whether he drifted into the crop due to a gust of wind or whether he had been simply too close to one side of the strip during the flare to land.