

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Avid Flyer C, G-IMPY	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 532 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1990	
Date & Time (UTC):	1 March 2010 at 1600 hrs	
Location:	Gadairwen Farm, Pontyclun, near Cardiff	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Right landing gear bent back into fuselage, right wing bent, propeller damaged	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	77 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	543 hours (of which 438 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 0 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Whilst on final approach in light winds with about 50 m to go to the private grass strip, the pilot encountered "rapid sink". He added power, but too late to prevent contact with the top of the low boundary hedge at the start of the strip, causing the aircraft to land heavily, with

little forward speed, just beyond the hedge. Although the aircraft was extensively damaged, the pilot, who was wearing a three-point lap strap and shoulder harness, was uninjured and vacated the aircraft without difficulty.