

## Gardan GY80-180, G-AVRS, 12 September 1999

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Gardan GY80-180, G-AVRS

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-360-A1A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1967

**Date & Time (UTC):** 12 September 1999 at 1600 hrs

**Location:** Throstle Nest Farm, Moorsholm, Cleveland

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Minor damage to the fuselage and both wing spars buckled requiring double wing change

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 54 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 791 hours (of which 24 were on type)

Last 90 days - 19 hours

Last 28 days - 6 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot plus telephone enquiries

The pilot was landing at Moorsholm Farm strip, which he knew well, in CAVOK weather conditions, temperature 20°C and no wind. The grass strip had been recently cut and grass clippings were present on the dry surface. The approach to Runway 20 was normal but the aircraft 'floated' for a long time before touching down approximately half way down the strip. The pilot felt that he still had sufficient stopping distance available and so he applied the brakes but the wheels skidded. He decided to go-around and applied full power but there was insufficient distance remaining in which to get airborne safely. The aircraft struck a hedge at the end of the strip and came to rest within the hedge. The pilot attributed the accident to his late decision to go-around.