

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Zenair CH 601UL Zodiac, G-FAOH
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	2005 (Serial no: PFA 162A-14406)
Date & Time (UTC):	9 March 2014 at 1200 hrs
Location:	Hunsdon Airfield, Essex
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor) Passengers - 1 (Minor)
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft substantially damaged
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	52 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	756 hours (of which 417 were on type) Last 90 days - 31 hours Last 28 days - 12 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The microlight aircraft was landing on Runway 26 at Hunsdon Airfield when the accident occurred. The weather was fine, with a local surface wind forecast from 140° at 8 to 13 kt; the wind at Stansted Airport (8 nm to the north-east) at the time of the accident was from 180° at 9 kt. Shortly before touchdown, the aircraft appeared to experience a gust of wind, causing the left wing to lift. The pilot was unable to stop the aircraft rolling right and reported a "sudden heavy sinking". The aircraft struck the ground short of the runway, coming to a stop inverted. Local club members assisted the pilot and his passenger, who both sustained minor injuries. The aircraft was substantially damaged but there was no fire.