

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa XS, G-WIKI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2011	
Date & Time (UTC):	6 May 2012 at 1427 hrs	
Location:	Sleap Airfield, Shropshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propeller, forward fuselage and main landing gear	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	61 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	678 hours (of which 76 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft rejoined the circuit at Sleap Airfield after a local flight. It was a fine day, with calm air and good visibility, and Runway 18 was in use. The pilot was forced to carry out a go-around from his first approach as the runway was occupied by another aircraft. The same situation occurred on his second approach. On the third approach, and after the pilot had made his 'downwind' call on the Air/Ground frequency, another aircraft called on the frequency to request a straight-in-approach. The pilot was unable to see the other aircraft and continued normally to finals, making the standard circuit calls.

The aircraft landed but was too fast and it bounced. There were a number of other bounces, until the propeller struck the ground, causing the engine to stop. The aircraft came to a stop on the runway and both occupants, who were wearing full harnesses and were uninjured, vacated the aircraft through the normal access doors.

The pilot gave the cause of the accident as the excess speed on landing, and considered that the distraction posed by the other aircraft was a contributory factor.