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Aircraft Type and Registration: Denney Kitfox MK 3, G-BTSV

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 582 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1991

Date & Time (UTC): 24 November 1991 at 1400 hrs

Location: Popham Airfield, Hampshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to various airframe components

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 135 hours (of which 6 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and additional telephone inquiries

The pilot was practicing circuits and landings in his recently acquired aircraft on Runway 21 with a surface wind of 180°/10 kt. There were aircraft ready for take-off on both runways 21 and 26 and because the Air to Ground radio operator was unable to see G-BTSV from where he was located, he requested a position report. The pilot of SV reported that he was on long finals and the radio operator advised that he should continue his approach. RTF communication between the radio operator and the aircraft on runway 26 was poor and the radio operator could not be certain that its pilot was aware of the traffic situation. In order to minimise the chances of a possible traffic conflict, he requested the pilot of SV to "not go-around if possible". The pilot of SV was aware of the aircraft on 21 but not aware of the one on 26. He therefore elected to land long in order to avoid any conflict with the aircraft on 21. On landing, SV bounced and the pilot, mindful of the radio operator's request, attempted to land further down the runway rather than execute a go-around. On the subsequent landing, the pilot lost control of his aircraft which veered sharply to the right towards a hedge. On application of brake the aircraft nosed over onto its back. The pilot's full harness held and he was uninjured.