

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	MCR-01 VLA Sportster, G-TOMX	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2009	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	31 August 2009 at 1800 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Sittles Farm Airfield, Staffordshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to noseleg and spat, left and right spats, left leading edge and top of fuel tank	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	44 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	1,007 hours (of which 15 were on type) Last 90 days - 38 hours Last 28 days - 12 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After a normal approach to Runway 09 with a 10 kt crosswind, of which the pilot was aware and had taken into account, the aircraft landed normally. However, when wheel brakes were applied it did not decelerate as expected and, after over-running the landing strip, the aircraft struck a hedge and came to rest.

After evacuating the aircraft in the usual way, the pilot noted that the grass was both wet and unusually long.

He attributed the accident to an inability of the long grass to disperse moisture and dry out as it would otherwise have done had it been shorter. Although reporting the temperature at the time as 'unknown', he commented that he... "may well have landed on a frozen lake".