

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Westland Scout AH1, G-BXRR	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rolls-Royce Nimbus MK 10501 turboshaft engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1970	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	24 March 2012 at 1454 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Near Collingtree, Northamptonshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 3
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to tail rotor drive train and landing gear	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	49 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	206 hours (of which 34 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The helicopter departed Thrupton at 1416 hrs, with the pilot and three passengers aboard, and arrived over the landing site in Northamptonshire after an uneventful flight. The site was a grassed area with no ground markings adjacent to a hotel car park. The weather was fine, with a surface wind from 330° at 5 kt and a temperature of 19°C.

The pilot flew a "full recce" of the site before making an approach to the grassed area. The helicopter was calculated to be approximately 80 lbs below its

maximum landing weight at this point. As he flared the helicopter it did not slow down as quickly as he expected so he increased the flare attitude, following which the helicopter's tail struck the ground. The helicopter started to yaw to the right, so the pilot immediately lowered the collective lever, which resulted in a heavy landing. The pilot and his passengers were uninjured and able to vacate the helicopter normally.