

# Taylor Monoplane, G-BDEV

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<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Taylor Monoplane, G-BDEV
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Volkswagen 1600 piston engine
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1993
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	11 August 1996 at 1520 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	Hollyway Farm, Shillingstone
<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>	Aircraft destroyed
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Student
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	36 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	300 hours (of which 3 were on type) Last 90 days - 33 hours Last 28 days - 8 hours
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot's original intention had been to land at a private airstrip at Holloway Farm, but, due to his uncertainty as to the length and wetness of the grass, he decided to abandon the attempt and commenced an overshoot from 150 feet at 57 kt. As the aircraft turned away from the airstrip it began to sink so the pilot lowered the nose and applied full power. He then pushed the carburettor heat control forward to the fully cold position. However, as he removed his hand he failed to notice that his watch had caught behind the throttle and pulled the power off. He was initially taken off-guard by the decrease in engine RPM and, by the time he had appreciated that he had inadvertently closed the throttle, he was too late to prevent the aircraft stalling and crashing inverted onto the trees. The pilot ascribed his lack of serious injury to the fact that he was wearing a four-point harness and crash-helmet with visor.