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Aircraft Type and Registration: Denney Kitfox Mk 2, G-RWSS

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 582 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1991

Date & Time (UTC): 18 August 1992 at 1940 hrs

Location: Comber Airstrip, Newtownards, Northern Ireland

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Substantial damage to the entire structure

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 174 hours (of which 65 were on type)
Last 90 days - 18 hours
Last 28 days - 13 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was making an approach to land in a southeast direction on the 400 metre grass strip from which he had departed some 25 minutes earlier. The wind was south easterly at 10-15 kt and 15 metres to the north of the runway threshold there was a row trees.

The pilot reports that he established a stable approach at 60 mph and, apart from some minor turbulence, everything was proceeding quite normally. However, as he entered the flare the aircraft rolled suddenly to the left, striking the ground with the wing tip and the left landing gear and swinging the aircraft through 90°. Despite his efforts to avoid them, the pilot was unable to prevent the aircraft striking the trees.

No fire ensued and, when the pilot and passenger had unfastened their safety harnesses, they vacated the aircraft.