

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Cessna 180K, G-BETG
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Continental Motors Corp O-470-U piston engine
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1977
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	3 June 2006 at 1620 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	Private airstrip, near Chewton Mendip, Somerset
<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>	Propeller and cowling damage
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	55 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	342 hours (of which 31 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 0 hours
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

**Synopsis**

After a normal landing the aircraft ran off the side of the grass airstrip and pitched forward in soft ground, causing damage to the engine cowling and propeller.

**History of the flight**

The pilot was returning from a local flight to a private airstrip adjacent to the Mendip Hills in Somerset. The weather was fine, with a surface wind from the north at less than 10 kt. After 45 minutes of flight, the pilot made a normal approach and landing on 'Runway' 05. However, towards the end of the ground roll the aircraft

veered to the left and ran into a ploughed field adjacent to the landing strip. The aircraft 'nosed over' in the soft ground causing damage to the engine cowling and propeller.

The pilot, who was wearing a lap strap and diagonal harness, was uninjured and able to vacate the aircraft normally through the left main door. He considered that the aircraft's swing to the left on landing was because he had not sufficiently compensated for the crosswind.