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Aircraft Type and Registration: Rans S6-ESD Coyote II, G-MYNH

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 462 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1994

Date & Time (UTC): 15 November 1995 at 1045 hrs

Location: 1 mile south of Wickwar, Avon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to rear fuselage, tail, right wing, landing gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 59 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 3,013 hours (of which 650 were on type)
Last 90 days - 122 hours
Last 28 days - 25 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reported that the accident occurred while approaching to land in a large field often used by microlight aircraft. The weather was suitable with greater than 20 km visibility and no cloud cover, however the landing direction was 'into the sun.' The pilot was aware of electricity cables on 25 foot poles at the approach end of the field. In a frank and open report he admitted to "an unnecessary desire to land short" and although he cleared these cables he then contacted a second set of cables which were slightly further into the field. The aircraft was rapidly arrested and fell to earth in a tail down attitude, with relatively minor damage. The pilot was able to evacuate the aircraft uninjured, however the emergency services had been alerted by a nearby resident, and arrived within 10 minutes. The pilot stated that, despite early reports to the contrary, he had experienced no loss of engine power.