

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Morane Saulnier MS.880B Rallye Club, G-AWOA	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1968	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	23 October 2009 at 1515 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Holmbeck Farm Airfield, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Wire entangled propeller, dents to underside of fuselage, spats fractured and possibly engine shock-loaded	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	63 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	200 hours (of which 46 were on type) Last 90 days - 22 hours Last 28 days - 8 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

During the later stages of approach to the airstrip, the pilot corrected for a wing drop and shortly thereafter recalled being thrown forward as the aircraft decelerated and came to an unexpected stop. The aircraft's fixed landing gear had made contact with a wire mesh boundary fence supported by 1 m high wooden posts positioned approximately 20 m from the runway

numbers. This fence subsequently became entangled around the propeller. The deceleration was relatively benign due to the uprooting of several of the fence posts and neither occupant suffered injuries. The pilot considered that his approach had been too shallow, leaving insufficient clearance between the landing gear and the fence.