

Denney Kitfox MK2, G-HUTT

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Denney Kitfox MK2, G-HUTT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 582 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1995

Date & Time (UTC): 23 September 2000 at 1150 hrs

Location: Sywell Airfield, Northants

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to left main landing gear, propeller and left wing tip

Commander's Licence: Private Pilots Licence (A) Group D

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 450 hours (of which 32 were on type)
Last 90 days - 36 hours
Last 28 days - 13 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft diverted from its planned destination of Lyvden, because of crosswind conditions, to land at Sywell. Here the wind was south-easterly at 11 kt with Runway 21 in use. The first approach was discontinued because of the 'tricky' crosswind. The second steadier approach led to a successful landing but, during the ground roll, the aircraft deviated to the right and, despite the application of left rudder, ground looped damaging the left main landing gear in the process.

The pilot reported that this had been his first 'crosswind landing' on type and he intends to seek further crosswind landing training.