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| Aircraft Type and Registration: | Zenair CH250 Zenith, G-RAYS | |
| No & Type of Engines: | 1 Lycoming O-320-B2C piston engine | |
| Year of Manufacture: | 2006 (Serial no: PFA 113-10460) | |
| Date & Time (UTC): | 25 May 2012 at 0836 hrs | |
| Location: | Sywell Aerodrome, Northamptonshire | |
| Type of Flight: | Private | |
| Persons on Board: | Crew - 1 | Passengers - 1 |
| Injuries: | Crew - None | Passengers - None |
| Nature of Damage: | Damage to the left main landing gear, nose landing gear, left wing flap, engine and propeller | |
| Commander's Licence: | Private Pilot's Licence | |
| Commander's Age: | 64 years | |
| Commander's Flying Experience: | 160 hours (of which 35 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours | |
| Information Source: | Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot | |

The aircraft was landing on Runway 03L, which has a concrete surface, at Sywell Aerodrome. The weather was fine but with a fresh easterly surface wind of 15 kt. The pilot reported encountering a gust of wind close to touchdown and that the aircraft landed first on the left main wheel. The left main landing gear collapsed

and, as the aircraft slewed to the left onto the adjacent grass, the nose landing gear also collapsed. The pilot and his passenger were both wearing lap straps and diagonal shoulder harnesses. Neither was injured and both vacated the aircraft in the normal manner.