

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Escapade 912(1), G-CDKL	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2005 (Serial no: BMAA/HB/359)	
Date & Time (UTC):	22 September 2012 at 1300 hrs	
Location:	Eshott Airfield, Northumberland	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - 1 (Minor)
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propeller and right wing, landing gear collapsed	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	51 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	114 hours (of which 27 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 being flown on a flight from an airfield in North Yorkshire to Eshott in Northumberland. The weather at Eshott was fine, with a light easterly wind and good visibility. On arrival, the pilot was informed by the Air/Ground operator that Runway 26 was in use, which was an asphalt runway, 550 m in length.

The aircraft (a tailwheel type) was not fully aligned with the runway on touchdown. The pilot applied rudder to correct the situation but lost control of the aircraft, which 'ground looped'. Its right main landing gear collapsed

and the right wing made contact with the runway. The propeller also contacted the runway and shattered. The cockpit area was undamaged; the pilot and his passenger vacated the aircraft via the side doors.

Whilst on final approach, the pilot had noticed an aircraft taxiing towards the runway threshold for departure. He thought he had been distracted by this aircraft, with the result that the aircraft landed whilst not fully aligned, and that his use of rudder had led to the loss of control.