

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Morane Saulnier MS.893A Rallye Commodore 180, G-AVVJ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-360-A2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1967 (Serial no: 10752)	
Date & Time (UTC):	17 August 2013 at 1100 hrs	
Location:	Felthorpe Airfield, Norfolk	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft damaged beyond economic repair	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	74 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	611 hours (of which 180 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After an uneventful flight around north Norfolk, the pilot was returning to Felthorpe Airfield. He set up an approach to Runway 23; the wind was from 260° at 20 kt. At approximately 500 yds from the threshold the approach was normal, at a speed of 70 kt and with full flap selected.

Speed was reduced to 65 kt 'over the hedge' but at this point, a gust of wind lifted the right wing and the left wing contacted the first of a line of trees running from

close to the runway threshold in a southerly direction. The contact with the tree caused the aircraft to yaw left and, despite the fact that the pilot tried to counter the swing, his low airspeed meant that he could not prevent the aircraft from entering the tree line again. Here it came to a halt, hanging nose-down from the fourth tree and supported by its left wingtip on the ground; the engine had also detached. The pilot was uninjured and evacuated through the broken windscreen.