

**ACCIDENT**

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| <b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b> | P&M Aviation QuikR, G-FRIK  |                   |
| <b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>       | 1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine  |                   |
| <b>Year of Manufacture:</b>            | 2011 (Serial no: 8562)  |                   |
| <b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>          | 22 July 2014 at 0830 hrs  |                   |
| <b>Location:</b>                       | Sulby airstrip, near Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire                                    |                   |
| <b>Type of Flight:</b>                 | Private   |                   |
| <b>Persons on Board:</b>               | Crew - 1  | Passengers - None |
| <b>Injuries:</b>                       | Crew - None   | Passengers - N/A  |
| <b>Nature of Damage:</b>               | Damage to wing, propeller, nosewheel, pod, pylon and base tube                            |                   |
| <b>Commander's Licence:</b>            | National Private Pilot's Licence  |                   |
| <b>Commander's Age:</b>                | 65 years  |                   |
| <b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>  | 119 hours (of which 118 were on type)<br>Last 90 days - 5 hours<br>Last 28 days - 2 hours |                   |
| <b>Information Source:</b>             | Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot                                      |                   |

**Synopsis**

Following a late decision to go around the aircraft's right wingtip contacted the ground, causing the aircraft to swing round such that it came to rest in the crop at the side of the runway.

**History of the flight**

The pilot had departed Enstone in Oxfordshire with the intention of delivering the aircraft to a maintenance organisation at Sulby airstrip for some planned maintenance. Sulby is a grass strip, orientated 04/22, approximately 410 m in length and 16 m wide and, at the time of the accident, was bordered by a standing crop of barley. The wind was subsequently reported as from 030° at 5 kt.

The pilot made what he described as a "poor" approach to Runway 04 and decided to go around. However the right wingtip contacted the barley, which swung the aircraft round such that it came to rest on its side, in the crop to the right of the runway. The aircraft sustained considerable damage although the pilot was uninjured.

In his statement the pilot attributed the accident to his failure to make a timely decision to go around.