ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Glastar, G-GERY	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E2D piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2002 (Serial no: PFA 295-13475)	
Date & Time (UTC):	21 March 2015 at 1100 hrs	
Location:	Hollym Airfield, Yorkshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to fuselage, wings, tailplane; engine shock-loaded	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	72 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,641 hours (of which 826 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was planning to depart from Runway 32 grass, which is 570 m long. The wind was from 340° at 16 kt with occasional gusts. The pilot observed a Cessna 172 departing from this runway and although it "looked a little bumpy" he judged it safe to take off in G-GERY. The takeoff ground roll was normal and once airborne he remained low, to accelerate. He initiated a turn to the right but the aircraft suddenly rolled to the left and applying right stick and right rudder had no effect. The left wing tip struck the ground and the aircraft yawed to the left; the nose dropped and the aircraft hit the ground. It then swung round to the left and came to rest. The pilot shut down the fuel and electrical systems and then exited with his passenger, via the passenger door as the pilot's door was jammed. The pilot later assessed that the accident had been caused by a stronger than expected gust from the right.

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