

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Auster J1N Alpha, G-AHSS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 De Havilland Gipsy Major I piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1946 (Serial no: 2136)	
Date & Time (UTC):	27 June 2015 at 1615 hrs	
Location:	Great Massingham Airfield, Norfolk	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Propeller, cowlings, exhaust, tail and spring connecting the wheel mount	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	72 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	399 hours (of which 375 were on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After an approach that was described by the pilot as normal, the aircraft landed into wind on Runway 28 at Great Massingham Airfield, Norfolk. The aircraft then started to drift left and the pilot was unable to prevent it leaving the paved surface and entering long grass by the edge of the runway. The left landing gear came into contact with some large stones, which were not visible to the pilot, and the aircraft abruptly tipped forward with the propeller coming into contact with the ground. When the aircraft fell back onto its landing gear, further damage was caused to the tail and fuselage. The engine had stopped so the pilot made the aircraft safe and vacated it normally.

The pilot thought the initial drift was probably caused by a gust of wind, and that, having relaxed after landing, he felt he was too slow to respond. He considered he should have applied power and gone around as soon as the aircraft began to drift.