

INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa XS, G-CCUL	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2004 (Serial no: PFA 247-13119)	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 June 2016 at 1700 hrs	
Location:	Rayne Hall Farm Airfield, Essex	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to two propeller blades and transponder antenna	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	55 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,661 hours (of which 420 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot arrived overhead the airfield from the north-east and joined crosswind for Runway 09. He heard several partial radio calls on the SAFETYCOM frequency but could not identify the source of any of these transmissions. On final approach, the pilot stated that he was high on his approach path and that his speed seemed less stable than usual but he did not perform a go-around. Upon landing, the aircraft settled lower than expected, pitched nose-down and slid to a halt. The pilot and passenger were uninjured during the gear-up landing and vacated the aircraft in the normal way. The pilot attributed the incident to his failure to action the before-landing checklist, possibly because he was distracted by the partial radio transmissions.