

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aeroprakt A22 Foxbat, G-CHAD	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2002 (Serial no: PFA 317-13909)	
Date & Time (UTC):	22 June 2016 at 1340 hrs	
Location:	Mitton Farm Airstrip, near Penkridge, Staffordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Propeller, nose leg and nose leg fuselage brackets	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	67 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	254 hours (of which 138 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Mitton Farm Airstrip has a single grass runway orientated 10/28. Adjacent to both sides of the runway was a crop of wheat, which was about 70 cm tall. The wind at the time of the landing was from 135° at between 5 and 10 kt. The approach and initial touchdown on Runway 10 appeared normal but, as the pilot applied the brakes during the rollout, the aircraft skidded and departed the left side of the runway and entered the wheat crop before coming to a stop. The pilot was uninjured but the aircraft sustained damage to the nose leg, the nose leg fuselage brackets and propeller.

The pilot had visited Mitton Farm Airstrip previously and considered that, for the accident landing, the grass was "much longer than normal" and that this, combined with the surface being damp from recent rain, had contributed to the loss of directional control.