

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Eurofox 912(1), G-CIPS	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rotax 912UL piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2015 (Serial no: BMAA/HB/661)	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	16 September 2017 at 1500 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Farm Strip, Haringe Court, East of Ashford, Kent	
<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>	Landing gear and left wing damaged. Minor damage to spinner, cowlings and propeller	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	National Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	74 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	553 hours (of which 180 were on type) Last 90 days - 44 hours Last 28 days - 7 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot reported that there were sheep on the farm landing strip, around two thirds along its length. He continued with the landing because the sheep were moving away from the aircraft noise, and because the first part of the runway was clear. As the aircraft touched down, a sheep ran on to the runway. The pilot performed a go-around and as the aircraft lifted off, its left wheel struck the animal. This caused the left gear leg to shear off, and the pilot stated that onlookers could see the leg and wheel hanging from the brake hose. The pilot completed a circuit and, on landing, the aircraft slewed to the left, impacted a fence and came to rest.

The pilot reported that sheep normally ran away from the aircraft noise and in future he would be prepared for the unexpected.