

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Glos-Airtourer 150, G-AXIX	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1969 (Serial no: A527)	
Date & Time (UTC):	25 March 2020 at 1619 hrs	
Location:	Almeley Wootton, Herefordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Nosewheel, propeller, wing and canopy damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	73 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,101 hours (of which 760 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot and passenger were flying from Shobdon Airport in Herefordshire to a grass airstrip near Almeley Wootton (approximately 5 nm south-west of Shobdon). After flying in the local area for an hour the pilot made an approach to land on the north-westerly runway. The wind was approximately 5 kt across the runway.

The pilot reported he landed on the main wheels but as the nosewheel touched down the aircraft started to oscillate in pitch. The nosewheel detached, the propeller struck the ground and the aircraft came to a sudden stop. Neither occupant was injured and they were both able to exit the aircraft normally.

The pilot believes the accident was caused by a slightly higher groundspeed than he was use to, due to the lack of headwind, and him closing the throttle slightly early causing the aircraft to drop onto the runway. He was aware he was landing on a short runway so did not want to land too far along it.

The pilot reported that as the aircraft came to a sudden halt the fire extinguisher, which was mounted at the back of the baggage compartment, came loose and travelled past the passenger's head and through the windscreen. When the aircraft is repaired, he intends to relocate the fire extinguisher behind the seats to ensure it is secure.



Figure 1
G-AXIX after the accident