

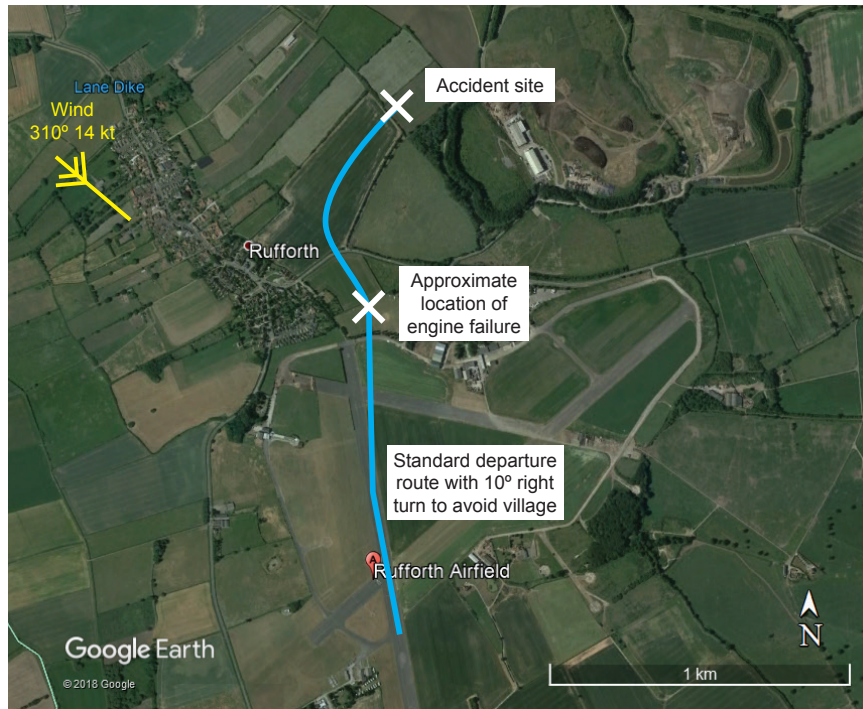
ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Slingsby T61F Venture T Mk 2, G-BUGT	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rollason RS MK 2 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1977 (Serial no: 1871)	
Date & Time (UTC):	9 December 2018 at 1335 hrs	
Location:	Field near Rufforth Airfield, York	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Wings twisted and broken. One propeller blade damaged, minor damage to rear fuselage	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	44 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	106 hours (of which 80 were on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and aircraft inspection report	

G-BUGT's departure from Runway 35 was delayed because the runway was occupied, and the pilot applied carburettor heat while waiting. When the runway was clear, the pilot lined up and applied full throttle without stopping. At approximately 150 to 200 ft, the pilot felt a complete loss of power and executed a forced landing. The aircraft touched down close to the field boundary (Figure 1). The pilot "attempted a hop" through a gap but the wings struck bushes (Figure 2). After stopping, the pilot noticed that the carburettor heat was still selected ON.

Inspection of the aircraft engine and associated systems revealed no faults which would explain the power loss. Tests of carburettor heat effectiveness on two other Slingsby Ventures indicated that full carburettor heat resulted in a drop of up to 600 rpm, and extended use in flight resulted in rough running and climb was not possible. The tests did not replicate a total loss of power. Full power was always restored when the carburettor heat was returned to cold.

The pilot commented that he should have repeated the pre-takeoff checks immediately before takeoff, which would have revealed that the carburettor heat was on. Checking the rpm achieved during the takeoff roll may help to identify an engine that is not performing as required.

**Figure 1**

Location of the accident site

**Figure 2**

G-BUGT after the accident

Bulletin Correction

Rufforth Airfield was inadvertently referred to as RAF Rufforth when the March Bulletin was sent for printing. The online version of the report was amended prior to publication.