

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Eurofox 912(IS), G-JVET	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912IS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2014 (Serial no: LAA 376-15286)	
Date & Time (UTC):	15 July 2018 at 1231 hrs	
Location:	Wolverhampton (Halfpenny Green) Airport	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Right wheel strut cracked and damage to airframe	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	55 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	677 hours (of which 177 were on type) Last 90 days - 35 hours Last 28 days - 19 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Following an uneventful flight from Perranporth Airfield, Cornwall to Wolverhampton Airport, the pilot noted that as he approached his destination the air was "much more thermic" than previously experienced. The prevailing wind was south-westerly and he planned to land on grass Runway 28. The Aerodrome Flight Information Service advised that Runway 34 was in use. The pilot considered that the prevailing conditions were well within his capability, so he decided to continue with a descent to land on Runway 34 rather than request an alternative runway. During the final stages of the approach he observed the indicated airspeed reduce from 60 to 50 kt, although he perceived the groundspeed to be greater than 50 kt. After touchdown the aircraft rapidly deviated to the left and, despite his attempts to control the aircraft, it departed the runway, turning through approximately 180° before coming to rest. The pilot and his passenger were uninjured and exited the aircraft unaided.

The pilot subsequently noted that the wind was from the south and considered that control of the aircraft on the ground had been compromised due to the presence of a tailwind.