ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Quik GT450, G-CFEX

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2008 (Serial no: 8362)

Date & Time (UTC): 10 May 2018 at 1830 hrs

Location: Near Leominster, Herefordshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Trike keel tube bent, wing fabric minor rip,

front forks bent, fibreglass pod fracture, screen

broken

Commander's Licence: National Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 63 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 264 hours (of which 204 were on type)

Last 90 days - 21 hours Last 28 days - 10 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

Approximately 30 minutes into a training flight, with the microlight at about 1,500 ft agl, the engine lost power. The instructor immediately took control and prepared for a forced landing into a field ahead, making unsuccessful attempts to restart the engine during the descent. At about 200 ft agl, as the instructor controlled the descent to avoid trees and a tall hedge at the field boundary, he noticed that the airspeed had reduced to 40 mph. He then turned the microlight left towards a nearer field, overflew some power lines and landed deep, but was unable to avoid a fallen tree during the landing roll, which it struck at about 20 mph. The microlight sustained significant damage; however, the instructor and student, who were both wearing a lap strap and helmet, were uninjured.