

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Dyn'Aéro MCR-01 UL, OO-D51	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2001	
Date & Time (UTC):	14 March 2018 at 1225 hrs	
Location:	Winsford, Cheshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Canopy, nose landing gear and wheel, right wing, propeller and lower engine support damaged	
Commander's Licence:	ULM (Belgium)	
Commander's Age:	59 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	185 hours (of which 150 were on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had taken off from Calais, France with the destination of Lymm Dam airfield, which is located 7 nm west of Manchester Airport. At approximately 1219 hrs, the pilot contacted Manchester Radar and reported that he was at Stoke-on-Trent and descending to enter the low-level route between the Manchester and Liverpool CTRs. As the aircraft approached the town of Winsford at an altitude of about 1,000 ft, a large section of the canopy detached (Figure 1), following which the pilot decided to make a forced landing in a nearby grass field. The nose gear collapsed during the landing, and the right wing, propeller and engine support were damaged. The pilot was uninjured.

The pilot was uncertain as to why the section of canopy broke away, but he stated that it may have been due to a collision with a drone.

No evidence of a drone or the missing section of canopy has been located and no injuries to persons or damage to property have been reported on the ground.



Figure 1

OO-D51 damage to canopy and aircraft after forced landing