

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Pioneer 300, G-GTOM	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2008 (Serial no: LAA 330-14795)	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	28 February 2021 at 1718 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Wadswick Farm airstrip, Box, Somerset	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Cracked propeller blades, damage to nose landing gear and engine cowling	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	National Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	75 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	628 hours (of which 102 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had flown a short maintenance flight and was on a stable approach for Runway 10 at Wadswick Farm airstrip. The pilot reported a moderate bounce after touchdown, applying slight power and then landing normally. He applied the brakes as there was a downslope to the runway and, at a 'slowish' speed, the nose landing gear collapsed and the aircraft came to a halt.

The landowner has subsequently filled in several defects in the runway surface, one of which was 6" to 8" deep on the runway centreline, after being notified by several pilots and an LAA Inspector of the rough surface. The pilot assessed the nose landing gear collapse may have been caused by striking a defect in the runway combined with braking for the downslope.