

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aeroprakt A32 Vixxen, G-CLEH	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2019 (Serial no: LAA 411-15590)	
Date & Time (UTC):	28 June 2021 at 1530 hrs	
Location:	Rossall Airfield, Lancashire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Nosewheel collapsed and damage to the propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Light Aircraft Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	71 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	481 hours (of which 144 were on type) Last 90 days - 16 hours Last 28 days - 7 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft has a fuel tank in each wing with a valve for each tank situated behind the seats, at shoulder level, on either side of the cockpit. During the flight the pilot closed the left valve to balance the fuel as more had been used from this tank. After landing the pilot decided to do a few circuits and so immediately taxied back to the runway whilst configuring the aircraft. Just before commencing the takeoff he remembered he had closed a fuel valve and reached behind the seat and moved a fuel valve handle.

Shortly after takeoff, at about 100 ft agl, the engine stopped and the pilot landed the aircraft in a field during which the nosewheel collapsed and the propeller was damaged. The pilot secured the aircraft and found that both fuel tank valves were in the closed position.