

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Taylor Monoplane, G-BRUO	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Volkswagen 1600 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1990 (Serial no: PFA 055-10859)	
Date & Time (UTC):	21 June 2022 at 1130 hrs	
Location:	Fishburn Airfield, County Durham	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Serious)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Substantial damage to front fuselage and engine separated from aircraft	
Commander's Licence:	Light Aircraft Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	68 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	981 hours (of which 9 were on type) Last 90 days - 6 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The accident happened during takeoff on Runway 26 at Fishburn Airfield with reported CAVOK weather conditions and a 5 kt northerly wind. The pilot reported "extremely poor" forward visibility so was referencing the side of the runway during the initial part of the takeoff. He applied full throttle and, once there was sufficient speed, the tail came up providing him with better visual cues. At this point, the pilot realised he was heading right of his intended direction and believes that he over-corrected in both directions. The final deviation was to the right when he became "just about airborne". He tried to fly out of the situation but had insufficient height and speed. He flew into the corn field to the north of the runway and stated that, as soon as the wheels touched the corn, the aircraft overturned and came to rest on top of him. The pilot sustained a fractured vertebra. In hindsight, he believes he should have closed the throttle and abandoned the takeoff earlier.