

Accident

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Chaser S 508, G-MVGG
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 508 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1988 (Serial no: CH721)
Date & Time (UTC):	31 July 2024 at 1742 hrs
Location:	Near Trimdon, County Durham
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Serious) Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damaged beyond economic repair
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	48 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	40 hours (of which 280 were on type) Last 90 days - 0 hours Last 28 days - 0 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After carrying out his pre-takeoff checks, including a check that the engine was able to produce full power, the pilot took off from Fishburn Airfield for a local flight. However, at about 300 ft aal, he reported that the engine misfired and lost power. In front of him was an electricity pylon, so he turned left and selected a field into which he could carry out a forced landing.

The approach was over the top of some trees which initially he thought he would clear. However, having lost height in the turn, he was unable to clear them and although he aimed for a small gap, the right wing clipped a tree and the aircraft fell to the ground. The pilot's smartwatch detected the impact and alerted emergency services, who attended the scene. The pilot sustained a broken wrist during the accident.