

Accident

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Druine D.62B Condor, G-AXGV	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1970 (Serial no: RAE/641)	
Date & Time (UTC):	20 March 2025 at 1148 hrs	
Location:	Croft Airfield, North Yorkshire	
Type of Flight:	Private (Training)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Serious)	Passengers - 1 (Serious)
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft destroyed	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	66 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,288 hours (of which 1 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The accident occurred on the approach to land during a biennial revalidation flight for the pilot flying, who was unfamiliar with the aircraft and the farm strip. The instructor was experienced with both the aircraft type and the farm strip.

After completing some general handling, the aircraft was flown back to the strip for a touch-and-go on Runway 27 with a forecast 5-10 kt crosswind from the left. The approach was made from a right hand circuit. The pilot was used to flying a biplane, so he decided to fly a curved tailwheel approach. As the aircraft descended below the tops of trees on the left of the approach to the runway, it started to drift toward the trees. The pilot flying turned the aircraft away from the trees, but one of the wings stalled, which rolled and pitched the aircraft nose-down. The stalled wing hit the ground, followed by the nose, before the aircraft came to rest upside down. The pilot recalled hitting his head twice on the canopy during this period.

Once the aircraft was made as safe as possible, they released themselves from their full harnesses. The pilot flying crawled out of the aircraft via the rear left window and lifted the left wing sufficiently for the instructor to exit the aircraft. They then called for assistance from the emergency services.

Although an initial assessment suggested they had sustained only minor injuries, further assessment at hospital found that both had suffered a neck vertebra fracture.