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Aircraft Type and Registration: Pitts S-2A (Modified) Special, G-STUA

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming AEIO-360-A1A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date & Time (UTC): 2 June 1995 at 1740 hrs

Location: Little Snoring Airfield, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1 page 17

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to the wings, fuselage, propeller and landing

gear

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 38 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 488 hours (of which 280 were on type)

Last 90 days - 21 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The first 400 metres of Runway 25 at Little Snoring is grass and the remainder is concrete. The wind was 220°/10 to 12 kt and the aircraft was making the final approach so that with some yaw applied the pilot could maintain a view of the runway.

It was the pilot's intention to land on the runway centreline, about 200 metres past the runway threshold but, as she flared the aircraft and removed the yaw, the aircraft drifted a few metres to the right. Whilst still airborne, the right lower wing ran through a five foot high gorse bush, causing the aircraft to slew to the right and land sideways. It came to rest in about 50 metres, upright and beside the runway.

Both the full safety harnesses withstood the loads imposed on them and both occupants were able to vacate the aircraft unassisted.