

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Dynamic WT9 UK, G-NGLS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2008 (Serial no: DY288)	
Date & Time (UTC):	25 September 2015 at 1155 hrs	
Location:	Hollym Airfield, Yorkshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Left wing tip detached, damage along leading edge of left wing, and propeller scuff	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	55 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	95 hours (of which 18 were on type) Last 90 days - 15 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

After touchdown on a narrow grass strip, the pilot was unaware that the aircraft was drifting to the left. The left wing struck a fence, resulting in damage to the wing and causing the aircraft to ground loop.

History of the flight

The aircraft was flying to Hollym Airfield from its home airfield of Old Sarum, having stopped at Sywell, Northants to refuel. The pilot was accompanied by a companion (who was also licensed and who had flown into Hollym before) but the pilot wanted to fly the Sywell-Hollym leg, as she was keen to build her hours.

Hollym is an unlicensed strip located on the edge of a cliff with three runways, two of which (Runways 31 and 17) are subject to coastal erosion (Figure 1). The pilot performed a fly-by to assess the options and reports that she felt that, although it was the most into-wind, the usable part of Runway 31 looked rather short. Runway 32 was longer and, although narrow and partially bordered by a fence to the west (that is, the landward side of the runway), she felt it was preferable to use this and accept the increased crosswind component, which she estimated to be about 7 kt and relatively steady. The pilot lined up on finals and, after an approach and touchdown which she thought was "OK", she concentrated on looking straight ahead and admits that she was not initially aware that the aircraft was drifting to the

left, towards the fence. Her companion, however, had seen the proximity of the fence and tried to alert her but it was too late; the left wingtip struck about four of the fence posts and ground looped around the last one before coming to a halt in the long grass at the side of the runway.

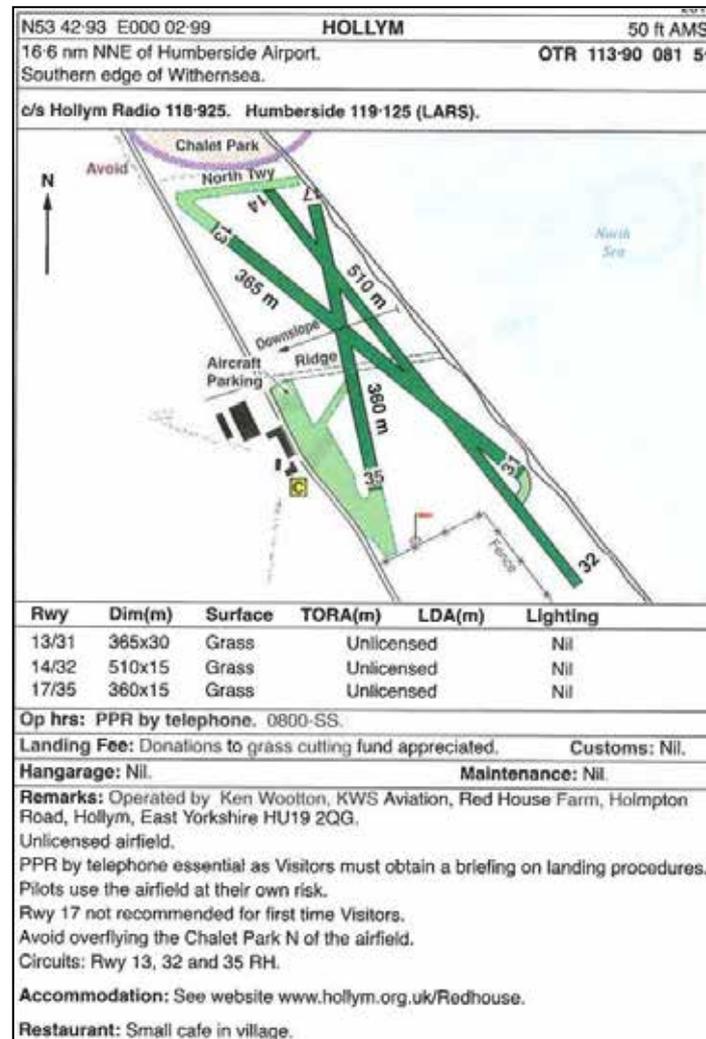


Figure 1

Chart of Hollym Airfield. Note proximity of fence to the first part of Runway 32

The pilot felt that the flight was within her capabilities but she had failed to notice, and correct, the left drift, possibly because she had been concentrating straight ahead. She also considers she had exercised poor judgement in electing to fly into such a “challenging” airfield for the first time when she was somewhat tired, having not slept properly the night before.