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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Oldfield Baby Lakes, G-BBGL
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental A65-8 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1980
Date and Time (UTC):	12 June 1990 at 1745 hrs
Location:	Sempringham Fen Airstrip, Lincolnshire
Type of flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (minor) Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Substantial damage to the airframe, engine and landing gear
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	51 years
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	209 hours (of which 108 were on type)
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The runway, designated 27, was 550 metres long with a smooth, dry, grass surface. The undershoot area was covered by a crop of wheat up to the threshold. The surface wind was reported as 360°/4-5 kt. On the final stage of the approach the aircraft came into contact with the standing wheat and somersaulted onto the runway. It came to rest the right way up but, shortly after impact, the cable between the full shoulder harness fitting and the fuselage mounting point failed. However, the pilot suffered only minor facial injuries and escaped unaided from the wreckage.