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Aircraft Type and Registration: Grumman AA-1B, G-BDRE

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-C2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1976

Date and Time (UTC): 25 March 1989 at 0955 hrs

Location: Church Farm, Norton Marlreward, Bristol

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Substantial - aircraft written off

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 97 hours (of which 26 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

While landing into a 10 kt headwind at a farm strip with an available landing run of 1500 feet, the aircraft touched down short in an area of unprepared ground. The aircraft yawed to the right away from the prepared strip and the pilot increased power with the intention of taking-off from the adjacent corn field. He soon realised that there was insufficient distance in which to complete a safe take-off and abandoned the attempt. The aircraft ran into a hedge at low speed but sustained considerable damage. The occupants who were wearing upper-torso restraint were uninjured and vacated the aircraft through a window with assistance from outside.