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Aircraft type and registration:	Hillier 12E G-BDRY (light single-engined helicopter)
Year of Manufacture:	1973
Date and time (GMT):	12 August 1983 at 0830 hrs
Location:	Little Steeping, 7 nautical miles W of Skegness
Type of flight:	Aerial Work
Persons on board:	Crew -- 1 Passengers -- Nil
Injuries:	Crew -- Nil Passengers -- N/A
Nature of damage:	Substantial damage to main and tail rotors, tail section and mast assembly. Damage to overhead power cables and wooden post.
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters)
Commander's Age:	34 years
Commander's total flying experience:	2,630 hours (of which 750 were on type)

The helicopter was engaged in crop-spraying when it struck some overhead power cables mounted on wooden posts. Partially entangled in one of the cables, it then landed heavily, collided with one of the posts and rolled onto its left side. The aircraft was substantially damaged but the pilot was unhurt.