No: 12/83

Ref: EW/G83/08/26

Aircraft type and registration:

Chipmunk G-BCKN (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture:

1951

Date and time (GMT):

29 August 1983 at 1330 hrs

Location:

Cranwell North Airfield, Lincs

Type of flight:

Glider towing

Persons on board:

Crew - 1

Passengers - Nil

Injuries:

Crew - Nil

Passengers - N/A

Nature of damage:

Damage to propeller and starboard wing, and to a tractor

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

37 years

Commander's total flying experience:

138 hours (of which 29 hours were on type)

The aircraft, which was engaged in glider towing, was taxying back to the launch point to pick up another glider. A tractor which had been previously seen by the pilot stationary about 50 yards away, moved off when in the pilot's blind spot, did not give way, and a collision resulted.