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Aircraft type and registration: DH82A Tiger Moth G-AJHU

No & Type of engines: 1 De Havilland Gipsy Major IF piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1942

Date and time (GMT): 4 June 1986 at 1045 hrs

Location: Siege Cross Farm, Thatcham, Berks

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Wings, undercarriage and propeller extensively damaged.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 109 hours (of which 26 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The pilot was attempting to take-off from a farm strip 480 yards long during an apparent lull in the wind, which had been directly across the runway from the right at 15 knots gusting 20. The take-off run was retarded somewhat by long grass and as the aircraft became airborne its right wing was lifted by a gust. When the pilot succeeded in levelling the wings and lowering the nose to increase airspeed he saw before him the airfield's hangar which was to the left of the strip. The pilot tried to turn the aircraft left to avoid the hangar, it stalled and crashed into some trees.