No: 11/83

Ref: EW/G83/08/10

Aircraft type and registration:

Jodel DR 1050 G-AWEN (Light single-engine

fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture:

1959

Date and time (GMT):

11 August 1983 at 1840 hrs

Location:

Crosland Moor Aerodrome, Huddersfield

Type of flight:

Private

Persons on board:

Crew - 1

Passengers – 1

Injuries:

Crew - Nil

Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage:

Left wing and undercarriage leg substantially

damaged. Damage to propeller and to dry stone wall

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

37 years

Commander's total flying

experience:

1173 hours (of which 109 were on type)

The aircraft was landing on grass runway 25 at Crosland Moor aerodrome, with an estimated wind of 290°/10-15 knots, when the pilot over-corrected a swing to the right. With an unsuitable landing area then ahead of him he decided to go round for another landing, but as he crossed the airfield boundary his tailwheel struck a dry stone wall, causing the aircraft to pitch down into the small field which lay beyond. Realizing that a second dry stone wall could not be avoided the pilot ground-looped the aircraft to the right in order to minimize the impact. The aircraft struck the wall with its left wing and sustained substantial damage, but both occupants were unhurt.