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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Air & Space 18A Gyroplane, G-BOBW
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-360-A1D piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1966
Date and Time (UTC):	14 September 1990 at approximately 1620 hrs
Location:	Caldwell Hall, Stoulton, Worcestershire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Substantial to propeller and rotor blades
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence (Gyroplanes)
Commander's Age:	48 years
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	131 hours (all on type)
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot approached a 250 feet grass strip in light wind conditions with the intention of performing a short landing. On the latter part of the approach, the pilot allowed the speed to decay resulting in a high sink rate which could not be arrested by flaring. The aircraft landed heavily causing substantial damage but the pilot was uninjured.