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Aircraft: Cessna 172 G-ATBK (Light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1965

Date and time (GMT): 20 February 1983 at 1600 hrs

Location: Lands End (St Just) Aerodrome

Type of flight: Private (Club)

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage: Propeller substantially damaged; minor damage to right wing tip

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 58 years

Commander's total flying experience: 142 hours (of which 18 hours were on type)

The engine power checks were being performed at the runway holding point prior to take-off. An unexpectedly strong gust of wind struck the aircraft as power was being applied; this caused the left wing to rise and pitched the aircraft nose down. Both the propeller and the right wing tip came into contact with the ground.