

No: 9/88

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Slingsby T61A, G-AZHD

No & Type of Engines: 1 Stark-Stamo MS 1500/1 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1971

Date and Time (UTC): 17 June 1988 at 1941 hrs

Location: Winthorpe Airfield, Lincolnshire

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Major damage to left wing and propeller. Minor damage to undercarriage

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 80 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on runway 09, with a reported surface wind of 060°/12-15kts. Shortly before touchdown, it passed in the lee of some trees which lined the left-hand side of the runway. A high sink rate developed and a heavy landing ensued, as a result of which the propeller and undercarriage were damaged.

The engine was immediately shut down, but the aircraft yawed to the left despite the application of full right rudder. The left wing dragged in long grass beside the runway and the aircraft came to rest against a chain link fence.

There was no fire, and the occupants, who were wearing full upper torso restraint, vacated the aircraft uninjured.