

No: 1/84

MICROLIGHT

Ref: EW/G83/11/14

Aircraft type and registration: Phantom microlight G-MNCS (single engined microlight aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1983

Date and time (GMT): 19 November 1983 at 1330 hrs

Location: Near Lichfield, Staffordshire

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew – 1 Passengers – Nil

Injuries: Crew – 1 (minor) Passengers – N/A

Nature of damage: Minor damage to nose and undercarriage sections

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's total flying experience: 4670 hours (of which 53 hours were on type)

The pilot reports that, as he was over-shooting from the landing area, the engine cut at about 40 feet above ground level. As the remaining over-shoot area did not appear suitable for a forced landing, the aircraft was turned to the left and dived to retain forward speed. There was then insufficient control authority for the flare, and in the resulting heavy landing the aircraft sustained minor damage and the pilot suffered two crushed vertebrae. The weather at the time was fine with a steady 10 knots surface wind.

The reason for the engine failure was not established.