

DH82A Tiger Moth, G-AHIZ

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	DH82A Tiger Moth, G-AHIZ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 De Havilland Gipsy Major 1C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1944	
Date & Time (UTC):	17 August 2003 at 1335 hrs	
Location:	Woburn Abbey, Bedfordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Lower right wing spar broken	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	45 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	552 hours (of which 275 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 34 hours	
	Last 28 days - 11 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot, who was leading a formation of similar types to land on grass Runway 01, experienced a tailwind and sink during the approach and decided to execute a go-around. He repositioned for a curved final approach to reciprocal Runway 19 (surface wind 145°/10 - 14 kt), which had a crosswind component of approximately 10 kt. He was aware of one marked post and a tree on the approach but whilst avoiding these, just prior to touchdown, the aircraft hit another post with its lower right wing. The aircraft landed without further incident and taxied to the parking area where it was shut down. The pilot had limited experience of short field landings and reported that he was concentrating on the position of other aircraft in his formation who were landing behind him.