

DH82A Tiger Moth, G-ANEH

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	DH82ATiger Moth, G-ANEH	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Gipsy Major 1H piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1939	
Date & Time (UTC):	6 May 2003 at 1600 hrs	
Location:	Kemble Airfield, Gloucestershire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to engine cowlings, propeller and engine shock loaded	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	57 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	963 hours (of which 176 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 2 hours	
	Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was taxiing the aircraft from the fuel bay to join the grass taxiway in order to position at 'G1', as cleared, prior to his takeoff from grass Runway 26. Whilst taxiing across an area of long grass, prior to joining the clearly defined cut grass of the taxiway, the aircraft's left wheel dropped into a hole. The aircraft pitched forward onto its nose causing damage to the propeller and the 'chin' cowlings.

The pilot reported that the hole was unmarked and partially concealed by original turf that had been replaced in the hole. Furthermore, he had chosen that route across the long grass because he had used that route to taxi to the fuel pump. The airport operator stated that the turf had been laid over a minor repair some months earlier and had presumably lifted in the recent dry spell.