No: 6/86 Ref: 1b

Aircraft type

DH82A Tiger Moth G-ANFW

and registration:

No & Type of Engines: One De Havilland Gipsy Major 1C piston engine

Year of Manufacture:

1942

Date and time (GMT):

18 May 1986 at 1430 hrs

Location:

White Waltham Airfield, Berkshire

Type of flight:

Private (pleasure)

Persons on board:

Crew — 2

Passengers — None

Injuries:

Crew - None

Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage:

Propeller blades broken

Small area of damage to right lower wing

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

52 years

Commander's total

flying experience:

7204 hours (of which 627 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

After completing the normal pre-flight checks the pilot, before entering the cockpit, looked to see that his intended taxi route was clear. This was necessary because of the restricted visibility from the rear cockpit. He noted that it was clear in front of and to the right of his aircraft and that there were parked and manoeuvring aircraft to his left on the far side of the taxiway. During the interval between his entering the cockpit and starting the engine a vehicle had parked on the taxiway ahead of the aircraft in a position where it was not visible to the pilot in the cockpit.

The aircraft taxied forward slowly with the pilot concentrating his look out to the left where there was known to be activity, whereas the right side of the aircraft was thought to be clear. As the aircraft approached the taxiway the pilot looked to the left and right and could see no conflicting traffic. As he started to cross the taxiway he swung the aircraft to the left and the parked vehicle was seen immediately ahead but there was insufficient time for him to prevent a collision at very low forward speed.