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Aircraft Type and Registration: Scheibe SF25E, G-BFHN

No & Type of Engines: 1 Limbach SL1700-EAI piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date and Time (UTC): 7 June 1988 at 1530 hrs

Location: Wycombe (Booker) Air Park, near Marlow, Bucks

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial damage to forward fuselage, engine mountings and wings

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 63 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 654 hours (of which 52 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was returning to land after soaring with the engine stopped for some 45 minutes. On final to land the pilot realised that the headwind was stronger than he had anticipated. He tried to start the engine but, in the heat of the moment, he forgot to use the choke. The engine failed to start and the aircraft collided with the boundary hedge.