

Campbell Cricket Gyroplane, G-AYRA, 28 March 1998 at 1515 hrs

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Campbell Cricket Gyroplane, G-AYRA
No & Type of Engines: 1 Volkswagen 1600 piston engine
Year of Manufacture: 1971
Date & Time (UTC): 28 March 1998 at 1515 hrs
Location: Nr Great Billingham School, Norfolk
Type of Flight: Private
Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - Not known - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Damage to fuselage and rotor blade
Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age: 54 years
Commander's Flying Experience: Not known
Last 90 days - Not known
Last 28 days - Not known
Information Source: Initial accident report and AAIB enquiries

The Norfolk Police reported the accident to the London Area Air Traffic Control Centre who subsequently reported it to the AAIB at 1830 hrs on the same day. The aircraft had apparently landed heavily and sustained damage to the front of the fuselage and the rotor blade.

On 31 March 1998 an Air Accident Report Form was sent to the pilot, who was also the owner. Despite numerous telephone and written reminders contact with the pilot was never established and subsequently no AARF returned. It is understood that the aircraft did not have a valid Certificate of

Airworthiness nor did the pilot hold a valid medical certificate; the CAA have dealt with both these matters. The pilot is believed to have left the country in June 1998 to take up residence in Australia.