

Agusta Bell 206B, G-OFCH

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Agusta Bell 206B, G-OFCH

No & Type of Engines: 1 Allison 250-C20 turboshaft engine

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date & Time (UTC): 4 January 2002 at 1520 hrs

Location: Morn Farm, Chickerell, Weymouth, Dorset

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1

Passengers -
None

Injuries: Crew 1 (Minor)

Passengers -
N/A

Nature of Damage: Damaged beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Private Pilots Licence (Helicopters)

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 297 hours (of which 64 were on type)

Last 90 days - 6 hours

Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and other enquiries by the AAIB

The pilot was repositioning the helicopter on the landing pad and was in a 2 feet hover when the helicopter suddenly rolled to the right causing the main rotor to strike the ground. The rotor blades and the engine stopped immediately and with the helicopter lying on its right side the pilot was able to evacuate the cockpit through the area of the front windscreen.

The pilot estimated that at the time of the accident there was a surface wind of approximately 8 kt from his left. He could not make an assessment as to the cause of the accident.