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Aircraft type and registration:	Huntair Pathfinder (microlight) G-MJFF	
Year of manufacture:	1982	
Date and time (GMT):	29 August 1983 at 1250 hrs	
Location:	Henley in Arden, Warwickshire	
Type of flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on board:	Crew -- 1	Passengers -- Nil
Injuries:	Crew -- 1 (minor)	Passengers -- N/A
Nature of damage:	Substantial -- bent main spar, buckling of the nose-wheel assembly and cockpit tubing and other minor damage	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	35 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	4,800 hours (of which 3 hours were on type)	

The aircraft was on a flight from Long Marston to Henley in Arden. When overhead his intended landing field, the pilot judged that it was too short and selected the adjacent, and longer field to the east. He overflew the length of the field in a northerly direction at approximately 250 feet agl, in order to confirm its size. The pilot then reversed the direction of the aircraft, and flew down the field at 20 feet agl in order to examine the surface, and to assess its suitability. It was his intention to execute a go-round manoeuvre, and position the aircraft for a standard approach and landing. During the go-round, the left wing-tip hit the top of a tree and the aircraft then hit a second tree and came to rest in a nose-down attitude a few metres further on.

The pilot suffered a cut, and minor contusions.