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Aircraft type and registration: Grumman AA5 Traveller G-BAVR (light single-engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date and time (GMT): 5 September 1983 at 1825 hrs

Location: Halfpenny Green aerodrome

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 3

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Nature of damage: Damage to propeller, spinner and backplate; wing dented and scorched by contact with power cable

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 54 years

Commander's total flying experience: 113 hours (of which 8.5 were on type)

The aircraft took off from Halfpenny Green 45 minutes before sunset and returned 30 minutes later. Runway 28 was in use and visibility on the approach towards the setting sun was poor. The pilot overshoot from his first approach because of glare from the sun and, on his second approach, the aircraft struck and severed a power cable some 30 ft above the ground and approximately 500 metre from touchdown and continued to complete his landing on the runway. The pilot reported that the low sun made height judgement difficult and that the aircraft bounced twice on landing.