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Aircraft type and registration: DH82A Tiger Moth G-ASPV

No & Type of engines: 1 De Havilland Gipsy Major 1 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1939

Date and time (UTC): 5 July 1987 at 1525 hrs

Location: Billericay, Essex

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 2 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — 1 (minor) Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Minor — to propeller and nose cowlings

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 283 hours (of which 182 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The aircraft was making an approach to land on a private grass strip 1,500 feet long and bordered by growing corn. The weather was fine with the wind estimated at 5—10 kt and the temperature estimated at 70°F.

Shortly before touch-down, the aircraft suddenly lost height and the wheels touched the top of the corn causing it to tip over on to its nose and come to a rapid stop. The occupants were wearing a full harness and were uninjured with the exception of a minor cut sustained by the pilot in the rear cockpit.

The pilot considered that a thermal or wind effect might have been the cause of the loss of height.