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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** De Havilland DHC-1 Chipmunk 22, G-BBSS

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 De Havilland Gipsy Major 10 Mk 2 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1951

**Date and Time (UTC):** 3 July 1990 at 1900 hrs

**Location:** Husbands Bosworth Airfield, Leicestershire

**Type of Flight:** Private (glider towing)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to right-wing, fuselage, landing gear and engine

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 50 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 357 hours (of which 345 were on type)

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

Following the launch of a glider at 2000 feet, the pilot of G-BBSS joined the circuit behind another tug in the landing pattern. In order to ensure adequate separation the pilot extended his downwind leg and reduced speed on finals to 55/60 kts. There was a parked glider at the launch point to the right of the touchdown point and another glider some way up the field to the left of the intended landing run of G-BBSS. The tug ahead of G-BBSS landed on a line between these two gliders and G-BBSS continued with the intention of landing on a similar line. However, just before G-BBSS flared for its landing, the other tug turned right at the end of its landing run across the path of G-BBSS. The pilot of G-BBSS applied full power for a go-around but the pilot reports that his aircraft continued to sink. While turning to the right in order to avoid a collision, the right wing of G-BBSS hit the ground and the aircraft came to rest facing up the approach path. Despite substantial damage to his aircraft, the pilot protected by his full harness, was uninjured.