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Aircraft type and registration: Cameron hot-air balloon V77 AX7 G-OCND (free balloon)

Year of Manufacture: 1984

Date and time (GMT): 28 July 1984 at 1950 hrs

Location: 3 nm SW of Chelmsford

Type of flight: Ballooning

Persons on board: Crew — 2 Passengers — Nil

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

Nature of damage: Nil

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence (Balloons)

Commander's Age: —

Commander's total flying experience: 46 hours (all on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report form submitted by pilot

The balloon was landing in a surface wind of 15 kt. Close to the ground, the rate of descent increased in the lee of nearby buildings and corrective burning was initiated too late to prevent a hard landing.