ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Creasey RJ Easy Raider J2.2(2), G-CBKF

No & Type of Engines: 1 Jabiru 2200A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2002 (Serial no: BMAA/HB/202)

Date & Time (UTC): 8 April 2018 at 1730 hrs

Location: Coombs Farm, Goodleigh, Devon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to the right wing, right landing gear

and propeller

Commander's Licence: National Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 55 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 182 hours (of which 14 were on type)

Last 90 days - 14 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

The pilot was returning to a private field and selected a short level area, located at the top of a 20° upslope and orientated into the wind, on which to land. On approach, he selected the first stage of flap, as he intended to fly parallel with the upslope, and returned his left hand to the throttle. However, when the pilot reduced power just prior to landing, he realised that he had in fact been holding the pitch trim control, which was identical in shape and size to the throttle but positioned just inboard (Figure 1).

Having passed over his landing area, he flew a go-around, but the aircraft stalled when trying to clear a row of trees situated at the edge of the field and fell vertically into the wooded area. The pilot, who was wearing a full harness, sustained no injury and turned off the fuel, ignition and electrical systems before exiting the aircraft.



Figure 1
Pitch trim and throttle controls