No: 10/83 Ref: EW/G83/06/02

Aircraft type and registration: Huntair-Pathfinder G-MJJT (single engined microlight

aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1982

Date and time (GMT): 4 June 1983 at 1930 hrs

Location: Shobdon Aerodrome

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew - 2 Passengers – Nil

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

Nature of damage: Aircraft substantially damaged, minor damage to fence

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's total flying experience: 317 hours (of which 5 hours were on type)

Whilst the aircraft was on finals at about 300 feet, in calm conditions, the engine suddenly lost power. The pilot opened the throttle fully and was initially misled by the change in noise level into believing that power was restored. By the time he realized his mistake he considered it too late to turn, so landed straight ahead, striking the perimeter fence at approximately 25 mph. The aircraft was substantially damaged and the pilot sustained minor injuries to each foot. Later examination of the engine showed that one piston was holed.