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I would love to help with the Great Wood Chaplaincy.

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Patrick's passion

"Needless to say, I love my job."

"I love the outdoors stuff far more than I realised I would. Great Wood is beautiful even in the rain; I can see why people give up their holidays to help at camps or the Work Party."

"My weeks are rarely the same. I can be duck racing in the morning, having a blast with a group on site and then hot-foot it over to a local school, still muddy, to lead an assembly."



"I see my role partly as being a servant to the local authority staff and schools coming in. By doing that I earn the chance to practically demonstrate the love of God and in doing so, create the opportunity to speak of Him when questions arise or life drops a bombshell."

"My daily prayer is that God will use me for His purposes and His glory. I want to thank all of you who have supported and prayed for me. I may never know all of you but I am tremendously grateful, far more than I could ever say."

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If you have any queries, please call Sue Keighley, one of the Trustees, on 020 7794 2975.

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Please send this form to John Owen,
75 Rookery Road, Bristol, BS4 2DX. Thank you!

An exciting ministry

For over 70 years, children and young people have been enjoying the special atmosphere of Great Wood Camp.

Many have encountered the living Lord during their time at camp and have made a Christian commitment. Many more have been encouraged in their faith and have grown as believers.

We're passionate about protecting and developing the ministry of the site, as it moves from Scripture Union ownership to being owned and managed by the Great Wood Trust. GWT has been managing the site for over 7 years. Owning the site will allow us to develop the ministry further and to improve the facilities.

Great Wood is a wonderful base for Scripture Union events in school holidays and, during term time, is used for outdoor activity weeks for schools. We're very keen to forge a closer link between the term-time and holiday activities – in particular for the Christian foundation of Great Wood to be manifest to the schools who use the site.

Enter the chaplain...

Since 2004, Great Wood Camp has had a designated Chaplain who has been funded by Scripture Union in partnership with local dioceses or ministries.

The Chaplain's role covers being on site to work with visiting schools and also being an ambassador for Great Wood to local churches, schools and youth groups.

Working with each individual school, the Chaplain tailors his input as required, from taking assemblies to story-telling or helping with particular activities. The key part of the Chaplain's role is to share the love of Jesus with the children and staff in the best way possible.

As Great Wood Trust takes over ownership of the site, Scripture Union's part-funding of the Chaplain will end. For the role to continue, the Trust needs to raise around £13,000 a year.

Can you help?

If you can offer a one-off gift or monthly standing order, please respond using the form on the flap of this leaflet. We would be enormously grateful!

More about Patrick

Patrick Weld has been in the Chaplaincy role since 2013.



"For 7 years before coming to Great Wood, I was the Chaplain at a state secondary boarding school in Somerset. It was a brilliant job and I loved it.

"My wife, Helen and I had met when we were both working on a youth work gap year and we were married in Bruton in 2007. Although I was very happy at the school, Helen and I had been going to church in Taunton and this meant an hour's drive there and back every Sunday. We felt God saying that we should look out for a job closer to church.

"The job at Great Wood seemed to be a blend of many perfect things: a new adventure; new challenges; new skills to learn and old things too – schools work, assemblies and clubs.

"As part of my gap year I worked and lived in Nether Stowey, so I knew many of the local people and had been to Great Wood for a weekend."

Patrick is passionate about his job ... see the back of this leaflet for more!