

<b>Job title</b>	Horticultural Planner(s)
<b>Category</b>	Volunteer
<b>Hours</b>	Approx. 6.5 hours per month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One work party (Sunday 11:30-4pm, including set-up)</li> <li>• 1 hour session planning &amp; liaising with horticulture team</li> <li>• 1 hour team meeting</li> </ul>
<b>You will be...</b>	Passionate about community growing and keen to make OxGrow thrive!
<b>We will...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide regular training opportunities</li> <li>• Support your personal and professional growth how we can</li> <li>• Feed you for free on the Sundays that you volunteer (summer only)</li> <li>• Introduce you to a lovely bunch of fellow volunteers</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting to</b>	Chair of OxGrow

## **The Role**

The horticultural team ensure that the garden is productive and well-maintained throughout the year. Each Horticultural Planner will co-facilitate one work party per 4-6 weeks alongside a 'Garden Host'.

The Horticultural Planner will oversee garden tasks and instruct volunteers on how to complete them safely. The role of the host is to ensure the well-being of volunteers during the session and to assist with set up and clear up.

## **Tasks and responsibilities**

As an OxGrow horticultural planner you will:

- Co-facilitate one work party per 4-6 weeks. The sessions run from 12-4pm and you should arrive at 11:30am to help set up.
- Maintain safe systems of work and promote Health and Safety on site.
- Liaise with the other horticultural planners between work parties regarding what tasks have been completed/need completing.
- Attend one OxGrow team meeting per month.

## **Person Specification**

### **Essential:**

- Experience of and commitment to growing food using organic principles
- A strong communicator, who is able to deliver clear instructions

- An ability to multitask and manage multiple people/priorities
- Able to work well in a team
- Organised and reliable
- Able to take initiative and work independently

**Desirable:**

- Experience of gardening using no-dig/permaculture principles
- Experience of working with groups of different ages and abilities
- Qualified first aider

## **How to apply**

Complete our [short application form](#) and email it to us, along with a copy of your CV, to [mail@oxgrow.org](mailto:mail@oxgrow.org) by 9am on Tuesday 7th May 2019. Interviews will be conducted at OxGrow on Sunday 12th May.

## **A little bit about...**

### **Hogacre Common Eco Park (<http://www.hogacrecommon.org.uk/>)**

Since 2010, when [West Oxford Community Renewables](#) took on a field previously used as a college sports ground, the local community have come together to undertake lots of new low carbon [projects](#) at Hogacre Common.

Hogacre Common is a fourteen-acre site less than a mile from the centre of Oxford and within its fertile flood plains. Bounded by streams on three sides and only accessible by foot, it features field, woodland, aquatic habitats and beehives, and hosts low carbon community activities, hosting forest schools, the community allotment 'OxGrow' and summer pop-up in the pavilion – 'The Café at Hogacre Common'. Activities, events and projects are made possible by volunteers from the local community.

The land and projects are managed by Hogacre Common Eco Park Community Interest Company (CIC). This is a type of social enterprise with the form of a company but motivated by public good and reinvesting profits back into its local community.

### **OxGrow (<https://oxgrow.org/>)**

OxGrow is Oxford's Edible Community Garden. OxGrow volunteers have transformed some waste land in the heart of Oxford into a thriving food garden. The garden is open to everyone – it's for kids and adults of all ages to learn how to grow food together. It's an exciting, creative edible laboratory to experiment with organic, climate-friendly growing techniques, and harnesses local knowledge to dabble with produce you'll never find in the shops.

### **The Cafe at Hogacre Common (<https://cafeathogacre.com/>)**

Every summer (from the end of May to the end of September) the Café at Hogacre Common pops-up on Sundays. It is the public face of Hogacre Common and its work; feeding hungry locals delicious vegetarian food (which is mainly organic and locally-sourced where possible) whilst engaging the public with Hogacre's low carbon and environmentally-friendly projects.

In 2019, The Café at Hogacre Common is looking to build on its social and environmental impacts. Work will include piloting a mentoring scheme to help people get back into work, cooking up veg from OxGrow, as well as working with food waste.

### **Where is Hogacre Common?**

Hogacre is not far from Abingdon Road, however we're a little hidden enclave of greenery, so please excuse the convoluted instructions below:

1. From the middle of town at Carfax Tower, go down south on the Abingdon Road and turn into White House Road when you see the Folly Bridge Inn (second right after the bridge over the river).
2. Go down the road to the corner where you see Grandpont Nursery, and here take the track straight in front of you past the South Oxford Adventure Playground.
3. Cross the railway bridge, turn right and you've found us!

**Please note**, we have very limited provision for disabled access and there is no way of getting to us by road on a regular basis. Sorry, but please do call us so we can discuss ways of getting over.