



Job title	Café Volunteers
Hours	We ask that you volunteer a minimum of four Sunday morning or afternoon shifts over the course of our summer season, June – September 2019. (See below for more info about the different shifts.)
You will be...	Someone who likes working with people and wants to help the Café at Hogacre Common this summer.
We will...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction and training opportunities • Feed you for free on the Sundays that you volunteer (summer only) • Introduce you to a lovely bunch of fellow volunteers
Reporting to	Café Manager

The Role

Help out at our friendly café at Hogacre, in the kitchen (9am – 1pm) or serving (1 – 5pm), or let us know if you'd like to help out in some other way!

Tasks and responsibilities

As a Sunday morning (9am - 1pm) volunteer you will:

- Meet and work with lots of lovely volunteers
- Attend a 9am meeting, with the Cafe Manager and Food Waste Volunteers, where the plan for the morning will be discussed.
- Work in the kitchen, helping cook and prepare vegetarian and vegan food for the cafe - which could include bakes, salads and cakes
- Learn new recipes
- Learn how to implement good food hygiene and health and safety practices
- Learn about food allergies
- Learn about the Cafe, OxGrow and Hogacre Common Eco Park's work.
- Help keep the kitchen clean as you work and tidy & wash up with everyone at the end of the shift.
- Enjoy a free lunch at the end of your shift

As a Sunday afternoon (1 – 5pm) volunteer you will:

- Meet and work with lots of lovely volunteers



- Meet and serve lots of friendly customers (Hogacre Common tends to have lots of nice and relaxed people come and visit it's cafe - one of the perks of the job!)
- Work on the till, serving customers drinks and cakes and placing food orders with the kitchen.
- Learn how to implement good food hygiene and health and safety practices
- Learn about food allergies
- Learn how to use a till
- Learn how describe and sell items on the menu
- Learn and practice good customer service
- Learn about the Cafe, OxGrow and Hogacre Common Eco Park's work - and talk about it with customers
- Help keep customer tables clear and clean
- Enjoy a free meal with OxGrow and Cafe volunteers, when the cafe closes at 4pm
- Help tidy & wash up at the end of the shift.

Get involved!

Email thecafeathogacrecommon@gmail.com and let us know how you would like to get involved. We'll be back in touch with more information and to organise getting started.

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.