

Job title	OxGrow Garden Host(s)
Category	Volunteer
Hours	Approx. 6 hours a month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Sunday afternoon, every 4 – 6 weeks
You will be...	A warm and friendly person who loves working with people!
We will...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide regular training opportunities • Support your personal and professional growth how we can • Feed you for free on the Sundays that you volunteer (summer only) • Introduce you to a lovely bunch of fellow volunteers
Reporting to	Chair of OxGrow

The Role

The garden hosts are the friendly face of OxGrow Community Garden. Each host will work alongside a horticultural planner to co-facilitate Sunday afternoon work parties.

Tasks and responsibilities

As an OxGrow host you will:

- Co-facilitate one work party per 4-6 weeks. The sessions run from 12-4pm and hosts should arrive at 11:30am to help set up.
- Greet volunteers on arrival and provide site tours to new volunteers.
- Be attentive to the needs of the volunteers, ensuring that everyone is safe and happy.
- Help volunteers find tasks, directing them to the task board/Horticultural Planner as needed
- Maintain safe systems of work and promote Health and Safety on site
- Attend one OxGrow team meeting a month

Person Specification

Essential:

- Approachable, attentive and an excellent communicator
- Able to multitask and manage multiple people/priorities
- Able to work well in a team
- Organised and reliable

Desirable:

- Experience of working with groups of different ages, backgrounds and abilities

- Experience of growing food using organic/permaculture principles
- Qualified first aider

How to apply

Complete our [short application form](#) and email it to 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.