



### **Job Description:**

Site Assistant – Horticulture & Countryside Management.  
Location(s): Hawkhurst & Peasmarsh.  
1 x Full time or 2 x part-time considered.  
Remuneration negotiable and commensurate to experience.

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## **Background**

Hands of Hope is a community-based charity operating out of Hope Farm Garden in Hawkhurst but delivering projects throughout Rother, Hastings, and West Kent.

Restoring and developing a neglected walled kitchen garden and 22-acres of AONB land, our goal is to create a thriving community space from where we will use growing, cooking & nature-based activities to improve physical and mental wellbeing, and combat environmental degradation, by building a community around renewed contact with the land and the growing and appreciation of sustainable, healthy food, delivering activities aimed at tackling some of the biggest health and social issues facing us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century including Rural Isolation, Loneliness, Food Poverty and Mental Health.

This is an exciting project currently producing organic fruit and vegetables within the 2-acre walled kitchen garden as part of our charitable aims as well supporting our commercial box scheme Hope Farm Organics and, 2022 sees us extending our production capacity as well as delivering community and offering educational and training opportunities. As we develop the new facility will be:

- A place to grow.
- A place to learn e.g., schools' projects, growing programmes, rural crafts, sustainable and organic horticulture etc.
- A place for nature e.g., wild areas, biodiversity, bees, pond, wildflower meadow
- A place for children – Schools projects, nature play, forest school,
- A place for specialist groups
- A place to access fresh affordable *in season* and organic produce via our Box Scheme "Hope Farm Organics".
- A place to feel connected e.g., welcoming, inclusive, a sense of community, vibrancy, and energy where there is always something happening.
- A place to connect with each other and with nature.

- A place that is sustainable offering a valuable legacy to future generations

**Job Summary:**

This is a varied role that will include plant propagation, vegetable growing and countryside management as well as interaction with Volunteers, Members of the public and outside contractors.

**The successful candidate will assist the Head Grower in the following tasks:**

- Propagation of thousands of vegetable plants
- Day to day management and upkeep of the market garden
- Work closely with other members of the team to deliver a weekly box-scheme including harvesting, washing and packing the produce.
- Seasonal countryside management work throughout the 23 acres of market garden, field, hedgerow and woodland.
- Working with other members of the team and outside contractors to develop the site and deliver the vision of the Trustees.
- Work with volunteers to get the job done.

**Required Qualifications:**

There is no minimum requirement for qualification, but enthusiasm, hard work, a can-do attitude as well as motivation are essential.

Qualification or experience in the following would be an advantage:

- Plant propagation
- Gardening/market gardening/horticulture
- Countryside management tools and techniques
- Working with volunteers

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