Oxenhope Climate Action - Growing Project

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I hope you can now use the update below to tell the Gardening Club membership about our Oxenhope Climate Action and our Growing Project.

I hope it inspires some of your members to make contact. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any queries.

Oxenhope Climate Action - Growing Project Update 14.03.23

Oxenhope Climate Action (OCA) is a fledgling group which held its inaugural meeting in September 2022. We have a growing membership and are already involved in a number of local initiatives.

The Growing Project is one of those initiatives.

The purposes of the growing project are to raise awareness of the Oxenhope Climate Action Group and of the food miles involved in vegetable and fruit consumption, and to encourage community co-operation. Any type of growing scheme will also assist in locking in carbon, which will help bring down our collective carbon footprint.

Following a successful bid to the Village Council, £500 was approved in February 2023 to pay for a pilot food-growing project that will improve the environment, help wildlife to thrive, and be visually attractive and have utility for villagers and visitors alike.

The money will be used to pay for some of the following in the Rose Garden area once plans have been finalised.

· fruit trees

· herb garden

· a vegetable plot

· planting of shrubs and perennials to attract pollinating insects

· interpretive information

In addition we are working with Mercy UK to establish a small orchard on their land; working on a Wild Food Map for the Oxenhope area; and helping Oxenhope Primary School to revamp their outdoor teaching area.

These projects are at the planning stage but need to move fairly quickly to the ‘doing’ stage. We would therefore be very pleased to hear from anyone who feels they could help out with the physical planting of the trees or in any other way to make these projects a success (eg weeding, supply of manure or soil, plants for pollinating insects or any other ideas you may have).

You can find further information about Oxenhope Climate action on our website :-

<https://oxenhopeclimateaction.org.uk/>

If you feel you would like to help then the best way to get in touch with us is through the ‘Contact Us’ page on the above website.

We also have a facebook page :-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/305162771705556/>

Yours sincerely

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Oxenhope Climate Action