

Civic participation and employment



74% of respondents are retired. **10%** are in full time paid employment, **10%** are in part time paid employment, **12%** volunteer, **7%** are full-time carers, and **6%** are part-time carers. (Respondents could select more than one option for this question.)

56% of respondents agree or strongly agree that there are range of volunteering opportunities in their community. **15%** neither agree or disagree, **5%** disagree, and **20%** don't know.

45% of respondents don't know if there are flexible and appropriately paid jobs for older people. **8%** agree, **20%** neither agree or disagree, and **15%** disagree.

40% of respondents don't know if employers accommodate needs of older workers. **8%** agree, **21%** neither agree or disagree, and **17%** disagree.

51% of respondents agree that they have opportunities to learn new things, develop hobbies and interests. **14%** neither agree or disagree, **12%** disagree, and **12%** don't know.

Respondents gave the following answers when asked what they want to see in the future:

- Learning/updating/maintaining skills e.g. technology, mobile phones, continuing education, have choices.
- Physical activities e.g. dance, cycling, Nordic walking, adapted sports like walking football, seated exercise, Tai Chi.
- Arts/recreation/mental stimulation e.g. pottery, painting, games mornings to play e.g. Scrabble, photography course.
- Sharing skills and experience/company e.g. peer/mutual support for older people, intergenerational activities, volunteering opportunities,
- Better information about opportunities and options.
- More opportunities for part time working.
- Activities across the borough (not just the coast or Linskill Centre).