The Rising Sun article on 6 January 1824 shows that sea rescue efforts were already in place around parts of Britain's coastline through local initiatives but that 'the plan should become more extended and that an Association should be formed of the whole county'.

The article further describes how the county-wide Norfolk Association for Saving the Lives of Shipwrecked Mariners developed its organisational structure and funding. Its committee consulted and followed the plan of Sir William Hillary's appeal pamphlet and also sought to raise funds for the purchase of Captain Manby's apparatus for rescue.

The emergence of several such regional organisations, each with the same lifesaving goals, gave weight to Hillary's claim that a nationally coordinated lifeboat service was utterly essential. Whether on a local or regional scale, there were people out there interested and willing to organise and fund lifesaving at sea. Hillary meant to ensure this happened on a national scale.

The Norfolk Association for Saving the Lives of Shipwrecked Mariners

The Rising Sun article on 6 January 1824
Courtesy: Manx National Heritage

1. How would the existence of local or regional lifesaving at sea groups help Sir William Hillary's campaign?

2. What resources did regional lifesaving organisations use?

3. What benefits would organising a national lifesaving organisation have over groups organised on a regional basis?