It gives us very great pleasure to state, that the Committee of the Royal National Institution have presented Sir William Hillary with a boat for the use of the Isle of Man, 29 feet in length, built upon the plan of Mr. Hennessey, of Cork, with some particular improvements; they have also furnished Sir William with two Capt. Manby's Mortars and Apparatus, also some of the late improved Hand Mortars. The Committee have also offered to build two more Boats for the use of the Isle of Man. The subscribers will bear half the expense. Having inserted all the documents in former Nos. of this paper, as they appeared, we now give the Rules and Regulations of this admirable Institution, in the origin and establishment of which no praise of ours can be adequate to the merits of the philanthropic Baronet, whose name, as we upon a former occasion remarked, will rank with that of Howard and the best men of every age and of every country. The present, and the offer of the above boats, are in addition to the one now on its way to this Island, intended for the use of the Port of Douglas. If, therefore, a sufficient sum could be collected to meet the liberality of the Committee, there would be a Life Boat for every principal Port in this island, and so on the means off which rely on, for the attainment of the purposes of the Institution are, "The formation of Establishments on the Coast of the United Kingdom and British Isles, superintended by District Committees, and the excitation to exertion in the hour of danger, by the certainty of relief to the Widows and Families of any who perish in their attempts to save the lives of others, and of reward of those who succeed in their preservation" will at the same time urge every brave seaman and fisherman to follow the dictates of his heart by coming forward to man boats in which there is comparatively so little personal risk.

The following are the forms for the District Committees to transmit to the Parent Institution, of the circumstances and particulars of each case as they may occur:-

Thus the rewards may always be expected to be received by the return of a post or two. Donations and subscriptions have increased equal to the most sanguine expectation: we observe the donation from the Corporation of Trinity House to be £500, - the Merchants of Liverpool do not appear to have taken the subject into consideration with that liberality they are wont to shew under all circumstances connected with maritime interests; and we are the more surprised at their apathy as they must well know, that the want of liberal rewards to seamen and others, who might have been the means of preserving the lives of their fellow-creatures, has deterred many belonging to the Port, from incurring the risk of leaving their wives and families destitute. They have some sort of Establishment of that kind at that Port, but we fear also the identity of an association of Merchants will bear no comparison in performances with that of a National Institution such as we are describing.

1. How important was the role of newspapers in Sir William Hillary’s campaign?
2. Why were newspapers so important to the success of the campaign?
3. How important are they today?