



## LILLIAN BILOCCA



### FAMILY

Lillian was born in Hull, on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1929. Her father was a trawler man and previously a Royal Navy engineer. She had three sisters and later married and had two children, a boy and a girl. She died aged 59 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1988.

### EARLY LIFE

When Lillian was younger, she worked in a fish factory. This is where she became known as 'Big Lil'.

### ADULT LIFE

After the Hull Triple Trawler Tragedy during January 1968, Lillian was angered. She thought that all trawlers should have a radio operator on board. She continued to work with a group of women to make sure the trawlers were safe and the men were fully trained at sea.

### MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Lillian Bilocca was known for improving the safety of trawlers in the fishing industry.

- She was the leader of a group of Hull fishing families called 'headscarf revolutionaries'.
- She wanted the government to make fishing safer for the working people.
- Lillian Bilocca was also known as 'Big Lil'.
- Together they gathered 10,000 signatures to take to government.

### HER LEGACY

Lillian was been described as a national figure and a local folk hero.

### FIND OUT MORE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05wh2c8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXFtscnDL20>

### EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. How many signatures were taken to the government?
2. What nickname was Lillian know by?
3. What were the Hull fishing families called?
4. How many children did she have?
5. What year was Lillian born?
6. What did Lillian think all trawlers should have board?
7. What industry was she trying to make safer for working people?
8. How old was she when she died?