

More info about Orkney Native Wildlife Project Event: Tuesday 16th January, Community Hall, Drop-in 1pm-6pm.

Weekly blog called the 'Stoat Snippet', currently hosted by RSPB and can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/OrkneyNativeWildlifeProject/>.

Stoats have become a huge threat to native wildlife on Mainland Orkney (possibly accidentally imported in straw). They are good swimmers and first sightings on Hoy, Shapinsay are happening. We don't need stoats on Stronsay, so please come along and support this event.

The project is a partnership between Scottish Natural Heritage and RSPB Scotland. It aims to ensure that Orkney's incredible native wildlife is safeguarded from the impact of invasive non-native stoats and continues to provide lasting benefits for the local community and economy of these unique islands and beyond.

The Project plans to do this by:

- Raising awareness of the importance of Orkney's native wildlife.
- Completing a full eradication of stoats across the whole of Orkney Mainland and linked isles.
- Providing a range of activities related to the project that will benefit all island communities, including a citizen science programme.
- Developing and maintaining a biosecurity plan with a long term benefit to the islands
- Developing community ownership of the project, to ensure the legacy of the project lives on after 5 years