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One euro for a house and its plot

Nordhalben in Bavaria is offering two vacant houses for a symbolic purchase price - 1-Euro-Haus.de presents the project.

Nordhalben/Hof, 11 September 2026 - A house with its own plot for one euro: what may seem hard to imagine is becoming a reality in Nordhalben, an Upper Franconian municipality in northern Bavaria, Germany. The municipality is offering two vacant houses in the town centre for a symbolic purchase price of one euro each. The information portal 1-Euro-Haus.de provides detailed information about Nordhalben, the two houses and the background to the project.

Nordhalben focuses on revival rather than vacancy

Vacant buildings that are increasingly falling into disrepair present major challenges for many rural municipalities. They harm the townscape, affect neighbouring properties and can lead to high costs in the long term. At the same time, older houses often contain valuable building fabric and are a visible part of local history.

Nordhalben is located in the Kronach district of northern Bavaria and is part of the Franconian Forest region. The municipality has been working for years to revitalise its town centre and find new uses for vacant buildings. By offering these two houses, it is now taking another unusual step in tackling vacancy.

Two houses - one symbolic purchase price

Nordhalben is the first municipality to be featured on 1-Euro-Haus.de with two vacant houses owned by the municipality:

1. A historic semi-detached house with around 110 square metres of living space and a plot of approximately 140 square metres. The building requires extensive renovation.
2. Another historic semi-detached house with a comparable living area and a plot of around 200 square metres. The renovation requirements are particularly extensive.

The symbolic purchase price can help draw attention to buildings that would struggle to find new owners on the conventional property market. For the municipality, this creates an opportunity to bring vacant houses back into permanent use. In return, prospective buyers have the chance to acquire a house and plot and redesign it according to their means.

The one euro is only the beginning

The purchase price of one euro is genuine, but it represents only a very small part of the actual cost. Additional expenses include notary and land register fees, planning, expert assessments and the building work itself. Both buildings require extensive renovation.

The houses are therefore not aimed at people looking for a home they can move into immediately. They are intended for applicants who are willing and able to take a long-term approach to an older building, its renovation requirements and its possible future use.

"The one euro naturally attracts attention, but what matters is the project as a whole. Interested people should first consider whether the building, the town and the work involved in renovating it fit their current and future lives. The house should then be examined with professional support, and a realistic renovation and financing plan should be prepared on that basis. Carrying out some of the work yourself can certainly reduce costs, but it requires practical skills and a great deal of time. Not every task may be carried out without

qualified professionals. Depending on the building, its location, the planned work and the applicant's personal circumstances, funding programmes may be available. These options must be checked early and on a case-by-case basis," explains Jürgen Klausmann, editorial lead for 1-Euro-Haus.de.

The decision rests with the municipality

The municipality of Nordhalben owns and sells the two houses. It decides on viewings, applications, the selection of buyers, renovation and use requirements, and the conclusion and terms of the purchase contract. Prospective buyers receive all binding information about availability, requirements and purchase conditions directly from the municipality.

1-Euro-Haus.de presents the project and the property information supplied by the municipality. The portal does not broker property and is neither an estate agent nor the seller of the houses.

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About Nordhalben

Nordhalben is located in the Upper Franconian district of Kronach in northern Bavaria, Germany, and is part of the Franconian Forest region. The municipality has been addressing the consequences of vacant property for years and is pursuing different approaches to revitalise its town centre and bring empty buildings back into use.

About 1-Euro-Haus.de

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Municipalities that offer vacant buildings for a symbolic price, or are considering such an approach, are welcome to contact 1-Euro-Haus.de.

Further information

Municipality of Nordhalben: <https://www.nordhalben.de/>
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