

Petzer Freiheit (Petze's Freedom)

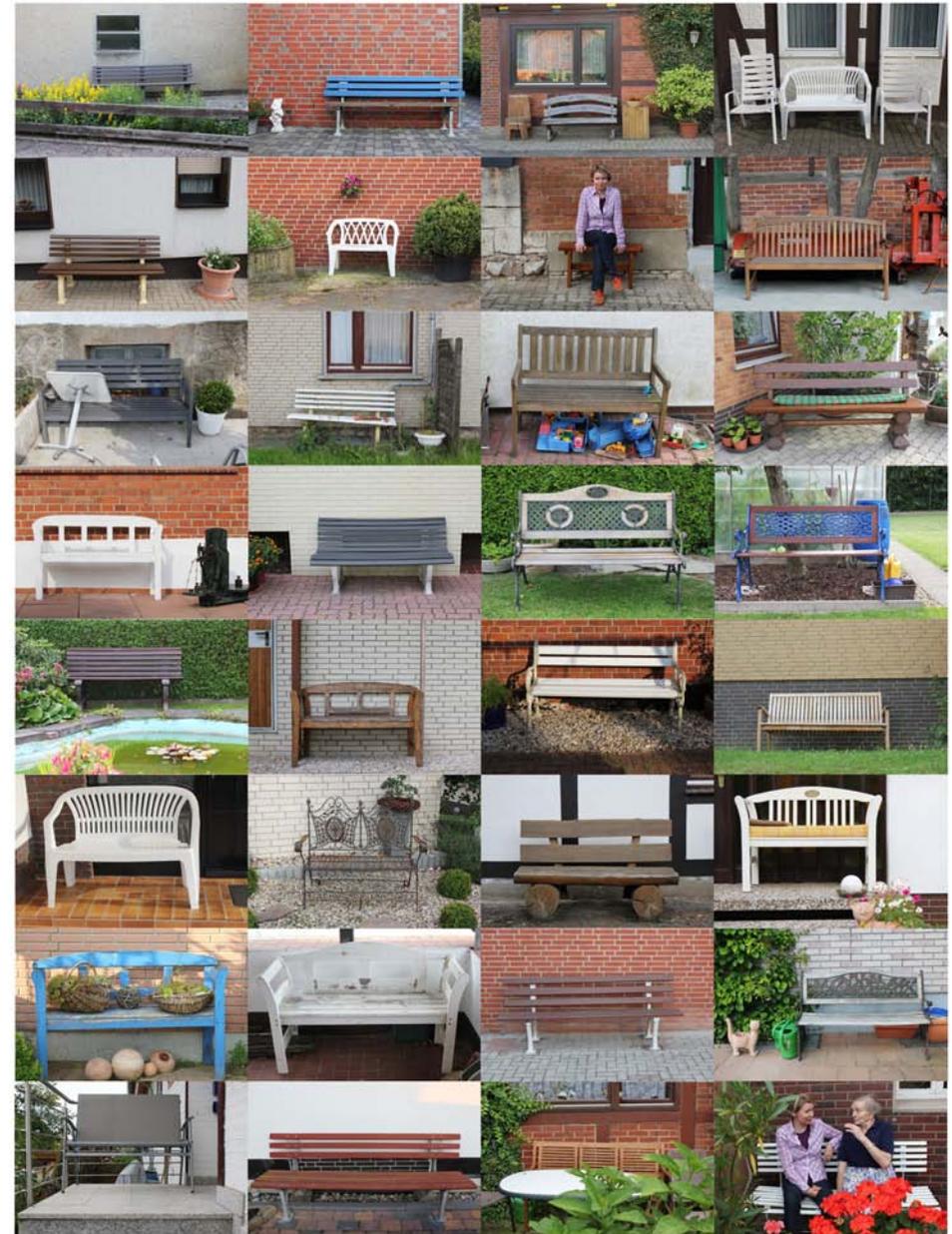
Petze, a village in Lower Saxony, underwent a development from a farming village to a village housing development in the catchment area of a large city. Automobility and changing lifestyles have caused a loss of communicative structures that can be only partly absorbed by an active club culture. By many villagers therefore an informal meeting place in the village is missing, as well as Petze as a ribbon-built village has never had a village square. The „Petze's Freedom“ picked up this desire attempting to initiate the design and announcement of a suitable location. Through various events, activities and installations the place took step by step form and was established as an open space.

With a proposal for the structural transformation an additional impetus was given for further use and appropriation, yet it was left the residents and their future activities. It is also this openness, which gave the project its name.

Actions, events and installations in participation with the villager to establish a village square in the ribbon-built village Petze

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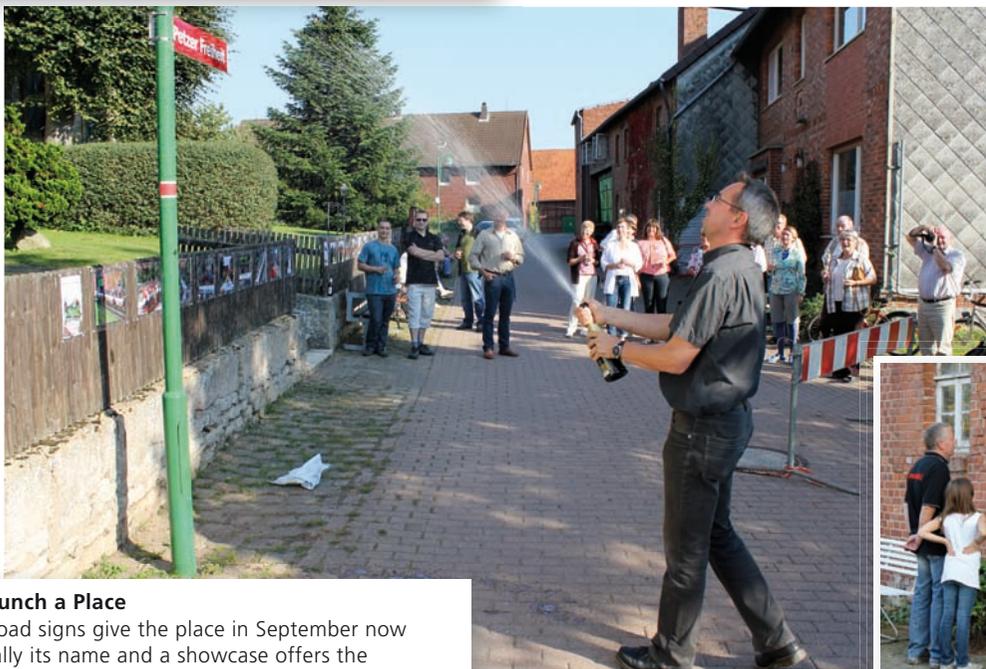
Starting Signal – Petze’s Freedom

With a festive dinner in July, the space between the Church and Cultural Club will be jointly occupied.



Ball of the Lonely Benches

18 front garden benches gather in August onto the „Petze’s Freedom“. With invited guests the structural change of the village and the project was discussed.



To Launch a Place

Two road signs give the place in September now officially its name and a showcase offers the opportunity for exchange.



40 Meters of Freedom

In December, the pavement painting was inaugurated and the benches have been painted with text fragments that together make up a poem.