# 《双语：英国老伯种心形番茄 捐给慈善机构》

It's not often a tomato is described as so sweet 'whenever people see it they just want to hug it' - but this was no ordinary piece of fruit.

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The heart-shaped tomato was grown by retired dagger maker, Rod Matless, who said he was shocked when he noticed it in his greenhouse while inspecting his latest produce.

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Mr Matless, 69, who suffered a heart attack a few years ago, was so taken aback by the phenomenal fruit that he decided to sell it at auction and donate the proceeds to the British Heart Foundation.

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The 2.26oz tomato was bought for £16 on eBay by a woman from Wales - who said she planned to give it to someone special.

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Mr Matless, of Wymondham, near Norwich, said: 'It was a bit of an obvious thing to do I suppose.

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'I spent a couple of days thinking about it and I wasn't really sure, but this seems like a good use.

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'I hope it will do someone somewhere a bit of a good.'

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He added: 'It's very sweet - whenever people see it they just want to hug it.'

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But with the tomato's freshness a key factor, enthusiastic gardener Mr Matless was up against the clock to deliver it to its new owner before rot set in.

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He said: 'I didn't want to send someone something horrible. I probably could have raised a bit more money with more time but I was worried about it.

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'It will certainly make a nice present for a loved one.I hope that they like it and I'm glad I got to help.'

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'It's all been very good fun and I've really enjoyed growing this very special tomato.'

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The French once called tomatoes 'pomme d'amour', meaning love apple, but some say this is because they believed it was an aphrodisiac and had little to do with its shape.

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